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THE SENTINEL NEWS DIGEST

He cried Wolf, They Thought

PC Boss Alberto Ramos had been taking Nueva Ecija Gov. Juan O. Chioco's importunations for constabulary reinforcements to his Huk-plagued province like the story-book child's cries of "wolf." Nobody listened to Chioco, not even the President.

Last week, they realized the wolf was real. Mrs. Aurora Aragon Vda. de Quezon, heading a long motorcade made up of top-bracket government officials and prominent members of the community on the way to Baler to lay the cornerstone of the marker honoring her late husband, ran smack into a well-laid ambush some three kilometers from Baler. The ambushade claimed a death toll that reads like a "Who's who."

Dead were Mrs. Quezon, daughter Maria Aurora (Baby) Quezon, son-in-law Philip Buencamino III, Quezon City Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, Maj. Primitivo San Agustin, Jr., Lt. Col. Antonio San Agustin, Lt. Joaquin Lasam, Lt. Juan Molina, Lt. D. Marabejo, Cpl. Brigido Valdez and Pedro Payamo, Quezon family cook. Among the wounded was retired Maj. Gen. Rafael Jalandoni.

The tragedy shook the nation and many parts of the world. After the shock wore off, the accounting for whom to blame cropped up. That the ambushers were given the opportunity to stage the mass-killing after and in spite of Chioco's alarms drew attention immediately to the negligence of the Constabulary.

At week's end dispersals and PC troops were still being hide-and-seek.



Editorial

So This Is Peace And Order

HARDLY two weeks after President Quirino announced that peace and order had been restored—an "achievement" of his administration, Mrs. Aurora Aragon de Quezon, her daughter, her son-in-law and nine others were massacred in the most shocking tragedy the Philippines has experienced. The ambushade, all the more barbarous because of the dignity and innocence of its victims, was nevertheless only one of a series of recent daring, successive and similar raid by Huk bands on civilian travelers. It is only too evident, and increasingly so, that there is no peace and certainly no order.

Editorial writers, national leaders, government officials and even the little man on the street have laid the blame squarely at the door of the administration. And in the very last analysis one can reach under the circumstances, after all the emoting, the reproaches and regrets, the if-only's and the what-might-have-been's—after all that, it remains that the government has failed, and with what revolting consequences,

in giving the Filipino citizens what their constitution guarantees: protection to life and property.

It took the death of the Quezons and their companions in death to jolt the government, and the nation with it, out of its egotistic politicking, out of its smug and blind complacency, out of its hay-making escapism, out of its cowardly refusal to recognize that the Huks are still here, stronger if anything. In spite of amnesty, all-out campaign, firm assurance from general and department secretary and president, it has become painfully apparent everything is not all right, that the demon of Huklandia will not be exorcised by the incantation that "all is quiet," nor appeased by ineffectual government crop loans, seedlings and irrigation systems nor annihilated by PC and AFP bombardments.

Neither is it enough for the administration to claim now shamefacedly, in the face of such terrible proof of failure, that it has done its best. But has it? Or if it has, isn't it undeniable that its best is from being good enough? ☆

Plea For Peace Among Last Acts Of Mrs. Quezon

A last testament of the great lady who suffered death from the hands of the ones for whom she and her husband labored.

AN appeal for "peace, charity and good will, as well as respect for the law, amongst our own beloved people," was made by Mrs. Aurora Aragon de Quezon only a few days before she was ambushed and killed by Huks.

The plea, which was her last, was directed to the Catholic world. It found ready response from local leading Catholics and prominent citizens but failed to penetrate passion-swept, blood-crazed Huklandia. She fell victim to this latest of Huk outrages, killed by her "own beloved people" whom her husband, the late President Manuel Quezon had served so well when he was living.

Mrs. Quezon's appeal and those who responded to it follows:

The undersigned Catholics, mostly residents in the Archdiocese of Manila, with the object of having special devotions, prayers, and sacrifices offered by our brethren during the month of May, in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces, to implore her powerful intercession for the protection of our holy religion, which is being so cruelly persecuted in many countries at the present time; to beseech through her powerful intercession world peace, which is threatened at the present time by another devastating war; and finally and very specially, to obtain peace and charity and good will, amongst our own beloved people in the Philippine Islands.

"Encouraged by our kind reception, during which the Archbishop, speaking for his own Archdiocese, promised to cooperate, we now approach each and all of the members of the Hierarchy with a similar petition, promising that in all things the wishes of the Ordinary in each ecclesiastical jurisdiction will be promptly and exactly obeyed. During this coming month of May we suggest a special celebration in honor of Our Lady Mediatrix of all Graces which will occur on the 31st of May. We believe that a national novena beginning on Sunday, May 22nd, and ending on Monday, May

30th, to be crowned by a great general communion all over the Islands on May 31st, the feast of our Lady as Mediatrix of all graces, would make a most powerful appeal to Almighty God, especially when offered by a whole nation in honor of the Queen of Heaven.

"Of course, in all these things, we must follow the lead of Your Excellencies and be obedient to whatever conditions may be imposed in your diocese, but, may we beg the Archbishops, Bishops and Prefects Apostolic of the Philippine Hierarchy to initiate a movement in your respective diocese for special devotions and daily mortifications during this coming month of May. May we go further and ask for, first, the family rosary in all Catholic homes; second, mortifications, sacrifices, visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross, to be offered according to the devotion and convenience of our brethren; and third, perhaps pilgrimages to the different shrines of Our Lady, such as Antipolo, Peñafrancia, and Manawag, etc., etc.

"We offer our filial obedience and cooperation to the Hierarchy for the fulfillment of such a program, in case it should be approved, for a May dedicated solemnly to Our Lady with prayers and mortifications for the safety of the Church and its Supreme Pontiff, as well as for peace in the whole world, and especially in our own land."

The appeal carried the following signatures:

Dña. Aurorá A. Quezon
Mariano J. Cuenco, President, Philippine Senate; Don Luis Ablaza, Ramon J. Araneta; Salvador Araneta; Manuel Moran, Chief Justice, Supreme Court; Mrs. Victoria L. de Araneta, Holder of Papal Medal; Santiago Artiaga, Jr., Student Catholic Action; Elias M. Barcedo; Antonio Avecilla, Emeterio Barcelona, Papal Knight; Eite Baumann, Comptroller, Cath. Welfare Org., F. Borromeo, Francisco R. Coquia, Gaudioso Gruel, Miguel Cuenco, Andres De-

cepida, Legion of Mary; Pastor Endercia, Head, Confrere of St. V. de Paul; Jose Erestain; Gregorio Santos Espiritu; Mrs. Josefa G. Estrada, Advisory Council of the Catholic Action; Justice Felicitimo Feria, Papal Knight; Miss Manuela Gay, Pres. Catholic Women's League; Miss Pilar A. Gonzales, Pax; Legion of Mary; Eusebio Gutierrez, Pres. Nocturnal Adoration; Francisco J. Joaquin, Knight of St. Sylvester; Atty. Carlos Hilado; Alex. Katigbak, Dr. Pedro Lantin, Gabriel La O, Papal Knight; Ricardo Ledesma, Justice Manuel Lim, Grand Knight, K. of C; Celso Lobregat; Mrs. Maria Clara L. de Lobregat; Justo Lopez, Papal Knight; Mrs. Luisa R. de Lorenzo, 1st Vice Pres., C.W.L.; Pablo Lorenzo, Papal Knight; Andres Y. Luarca, President, 2nd Sunday Recollection; Enrique Fernandez Lumba; Manuel Manosa, Papal Knight; Vicente Marasigan; Norberto Mayo, Jose Meily Jr., Pax Romana; Salvador Mendoza, Pres. Senatus, Legion of Mary; Antonio M. Molina, Pres. Central Council, SCA; Fr. Mariano M. Montero, OFM Dir. Pision de S. Antonio; Dr. Eleno Olaquivel, Knight of St. Gregory; Atty. Francisco Ortigas, Jr.; Sabino Padilla, Secretary of Justice; Miss Maria Patrocinio Paez, Advisory Council of the Catholic Action, Domingo B. Paguirigan, Congressman for Isabela; Commander Chick Parsons, Atty. Jesus Paredes, Jr., Executive Sec. CEAP; Juan A. Pastor, Papal Knight; Mrs. Marina R. Pelaez, Narciso Pimentel, Sigismundo Pniouwer, Antonio Prieto, H. B. Reyes, President; Francisco Pastor Salazar, Papal Knight; Paulino Miranda Sampedro, Delegado de la Soberana Orden Militar de Malta; Jose P. Sandejas, Secretary, K. of C; Ramon San Jose, Prior Order Tercera de Sto. Domingo; Mariano J. Santos, Pres. Apostolado de la Oracion; Fernando E. V. Sison; Justice Luis P. Torres; Mrs. L. L. de Ubaldo, National Treasurer, C.W.L. Bishop Mariano Mádriaga of Lingayen; Msgr. William Brasseur, Mt. Province.

THIS IS A DRIVE. A drive for prayer, for penance, for sacrifice. Ultimately it is a drive for peace. And we are asking peace from the only Power Who can grant it — Christ, Our Lord, Who can refuse nothing to His mother.

WE CATHOLICS BELIEVE:

That the Philippines has received and is receiving from **OUR LADY MEDIATRIX OF ALL GRACES** many graces to which it is our duty to respond;

That the Blessed Virgin Mary is inviting the whole world to a life of prayer and penance, so that peace throughout the world may be truly attained.

THEREFORE, WE CATHOLICS MUST ACT:

By joining every day during the month of May the Radio Family Rosary that will be broadcast over Station DZPI from 6:15 to 6:30 a. m.

By performing daily acts of mortification and penance;

By attending the novena in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our respective parish churches from Sunday, May 22 to Monday, May 30;

By receiving the Blessed Sacrament on May 31st, the Feast of Our Lady Mediatrix of all Graces, and by participating on that day in the diocesan consecration to Our Lady;

By going on a Pilgrimage to one of the shrines of the Blessed Virgin Mary;

By making every day of our lives more selfless, more sympathetic to those less fortunate, and more in conformity with the ways of true Christianity.



- Watch for announcements of Philippine Ave Maria Radio Programs.
- Read the daily columns "The Lipa Road" in the Manila Times, "The Mary-Go-Round" in the Manila Chronicle, "May Gambits" in the Evening News, "The Sign in the Sky" in the Evening Chronicle, and "Ang Daang Lipa" in the Bagong Buhay.
- Spread the movement among your friends; write your suggestions to further the campaign to "Laymen's Committee, May Devotions," c/o Catholic Welfare Organization, 260 San Rafael, Manila.

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Jalandoni Gives PC Escort Version

Maj. Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, retired chief of staff, AFP, last night said he had nothing to do with the PC escort accompanying the Quezon party a week ago in which Mrs. Quezon and 11 other members of her party were massacred by dissidents in Bongabon.

In giving the statement he was aiming at refuting statement attributed to Lt. Col. Macario Asistio, PC G-2 officer, allegedly blaming Jalandoni for the Quezon killing. The PC officer testified Tuesday before the house committee on appropriations.

The officer in charge of the escort group in the Quezon party, Gen. Jalandoni averred, was Maj. Pedro Alcantara, a PC officer and a nephew of Mrs. Quezon. Instructions on escort duties were directly transmitted to Maj. Alcantara by the PC command, Jalandoni said.

Jalandoni said he joined the Quezon party as a "guest" and had nothing to do with official security extended by the PC to the Quezon party.

The retired AFP chief of staff added had the PC combed the area earlier previous to the passage of the Quezon party on the Bongabon road, the constabulary would have known about the Huk detention of people who passed by the same place earlier in the morning of the ambush.

Jalandoni said he had given the facts of the incident before the cabinet. General Ramos, PC chief, he said, was in complete agreement.

Potpourri

Callers keep on pouring at the Quezon home on Gilmore Avenue and there is hardly a minute that Nini Q. Buencamino and Nonong are without visitors to condole with them or keep them company, as the case may be. In fact, some very close family friends have decided to stay for the duration of the 9-day novena... Doña Jesusa Arroyo and Nena Fabella Pamin-tuan, to mention a few. Doña Consuelo Cuyugan, on one hand, commutes every day between her home in Baclaran and Gilmore... she spends the whole day till after the novena in the evening at the latter. The Jose Yulos make it a point to attend the evening prayers and so does the younger set of friends of Nini which includes Unding Alunan, Chito Madrigal, Gin Mata, Ruby Roxas, etc... Previous novenas have been held upstairs in the living room but now that the shock and confusion as a result of the too sudden, too stunning news has more or less subsided and the chapel of the late beloved Doña Aurora downstairs on the first floor has been tidied up, the devout congregation of friends and relatives will assemble there from then on in the evenings.

Passing an eye over the altar, one can not help but notice three pictures of the miraculous Lady of Mediatrix accommodated in there... they were all gifts to the grand lady, we understand. Doña Aurora was one big-hearted lady who appreciated every single little gift given her and that she showed by finding somehow, somewhere a place for it in her home. The altar is as good a portion of her bedroom, or the other way around... at any rate, the two follow a room scheme of one broad sweep of space with a very light partition between.

From the altar, one goes into the living room which is simply furnished with rattan furniture. Here, one notes as if nothing had happened, as if it was any ordinary day during the life of Doña Aurora when shoes of Bongbong... that's how Nini's boy—Philip IV—is invariably called... would just be splattered all over, on the sofa, on the rug—every where else. Doña Aurora was so much attached to this first grandchild whom she wanted so much to stay with her for the most part of the day on the ground floor, and no rug was too costly to be soiled by him... this grandson first before any consideration for any exacting "home beautiful" thought.

One notices, too, in the sala a picture of the late President Quezon that must have been given many years ago to Phil III. Here is the dedication on it: "To Phil Buencamino 3rd—With my best wishes for a successful career and in recognition of a brilliant beginning." A huge oil portrait of Nini and Baby in Filipina dress hangs on one wall. Other pictures that occupy choice places in the livingroom, on the piano and on side tables are those of Frank Murphy, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt—all with dedications showing intimate and close friendship with the Quezons.

There is not yet a very definite plan for disposal of the things of Baby Quezon, although it is one thing sure that all will go to the poor... one gesture which Nini believes would be in accordance with the devotion that Baby had kept for the poor. The things may be given through some charitable institutions, say the leper colony, or some other... Nini hasn't made up her mind through which.

WEATHER

Weather generally fair and warm with partly cloudy to occasionally cloudy skies with possible scattered showers or thunderstorms. Maximum temperature this afternoon will be around 36.0 °C. (96.8 °F.).

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Congress Inquiry Will Try To Fix Responsibility For Massacre of Quezon Party

By JOSE C. NABLE

A Congressional inquiry into the slaying of the Quezons may be conducted before the current session adjourns, it was learned last night. The main purpose of the investigation would be to have all the facts relating to the crime and to determine if any of the government agencies in charge of law and order enforcement should be blamed for it.

This was revealed by two of the chief authors of a resolution filed in the lower house, which demands the immediate resignation of Secretary of Interior Sergio Balmori and Brigadier General Alberto Ranao, chief of the Philippine Constabulary, for failing to restore and maintain law and order, thereby causing the death of Donna Aurora and daughter Baby Quezon, former Binondoan III and vice others.

Just before the resolution was filed with the House committee on Territories of Law, four other members of the lower house signed the resolution, adding to its list of authors the names of Congressman Juan Forta (Iloilo), Fernando de la Cruz (Iloilo), Manuel L. Quezon (Iloilo) and Manuel A. Roxas (Iloilo). The resolution, after their names were added, was filed with the House committee on Territories of Law.

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Requiem Mass

The Girl Scouts of the Philippines will offer a requiem mass for the late Maria Aurora Quezon, charter member and chairman of the central committee, GSP, on Friday morning next at the Ateneo chapel at 8 a.m. All Girl Scouts who can possibly do so are requested to attend in uniform.

Jalandoni Lays Blame on P.C.

Major General Rafael Jalandoni, retired chief of staff of the Philippine Army, yesterday denied having given the order to the constabulary escort of Mrs. Aurora Quezon to fall back behind the cars it was conveying in the fatal ambush in which Mrs. Quezon and eleven others were slain.

"I challenge Col. Macario Avelino of PC G-2 to name the officer or enlisted man in the escort to whom I gave such an order," General Jalandoni declared. "I am a retired army officer and have no authority to give orders anymore in the first place."

In testifying yesterday morning before the appropriations committee of the House of Representatives to explain certain items in the budget of the Philippine Constabulary, Colonel Avelino, who is chief of PC intelligence, pointed out that the PC escort for Mrs. Quezon should not be blamed for the massacre. He stated that the original plan was for the PC to provide the escort for the Quezons, but that General Jalandoni ordered them to fall behind.

"If the responsibility is blamed by everybody for the massacre, it is equally at least they should not blame the fact to someone who is innocent," Jalandoni emphasized. The general added that Brig. Gen. Alberto Ranao, who gave the order for the escort to fall back, "He gave the instruction to the report to the chief and a subordinate Colonel Avelino's plan that I gave the order," General Jalandoni emphasized.

"Essentially, I believe that the tragedy at Binondo was the result of lack of coordination between the police and the constabulary in the plan. It was my opinion that the constabulary had followed the instructions with regard to the escort of Mrs. Quezon, but that the police had not followed the instructions. I believe that the constabulary should be held responsible for the massacre." Jalandoni emphasized.

Quezon Ambush Shocks NE Huks

Special to the Chronicle

CABANATUAN, May 4 — Several Huks were said to have been shocked upon learning of the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and 11 members of her party in a blood ambush along the Baler-Bangabon high, way last April 28.

This revelation was made by an unidentified Huk who was captured by government troops after a pitched battle with the dissidents in barrio Gambiata, Rizal this morning. The Huk informant was seriously wounded in the intensified campaign of the government soldiers in the Rizal area and may die momentarily. Four unidentified Huks were found slain by PC-PA gunfire.

The Huks labored with government soldiers led by Lt. Paulito Alcantara, starting about 10 a.m. Huk casualties are mounting in the wake of the vicious battle which continued until 10:30 a.m. today.

PC informants said that the Huks are making stiff resistance to the superior equipment and ammunition of the government soldiers.

Another detachment was sent to the San Jose area this morning in order to intercept retreating Huks towards the Sierra Madre mountains. The Huk who was captured in a daring escapade said that the ambush was planned for President Quezon, who was expected to see the Quezon party to Baler. He said that Mrs. Quezon was a friend of the Huks, having been instrumental in the giving of Padi Coast relief to the dissidents.

Combined PC and PA troops were seen observing planes continue to pound Huk positions in Rizal area. The government forces are believed to control the entire area and that the Huks are being driven to the mountains where a fight and one civilian guard was slain.

Col. Angel C. Magatena, provincial commander of the PC, said that he will rush troops to Baler, Quezon to supply the civilian volunteers who have expressed their willingness to contribute with the government troops in the latest Huk operations to avenge the death of Mrs. Quezon and party.

The colonel, Col. Magatena, said, the families of the fallen along the present battle front and will be taken care of in the front quarters in Cabanatuan by the constabulary. He said that the Huks are being driven to the mountains where a fight and one civilian guard was slain.

Americans Feel Huk Activities Red-Instigated

WASHINGTON, May 4 — (AP) — Military observers speculated that any aid to the Philippines would stand or fall largely according to whether Congress approves or reduces the proposed \$1,470,000,000 appropriation to help foreign nations fortify themselves against communism.

These observers guessed that the Philippines might hope to get up to \$20,000,000 in military supplies if Congress passes the appropriation but less if it economizes. But they expressed the opinion that the matter would further depend on some extent on the relative degree of the communist curbs in the Philippines as compared with other countries eligible for aid.

Some sources suggested that Mrs. Aurora Quezon's assassination might start Congress doubting that the Huk rebellion movement continues as a real communist threat to Philippine stability and security.

Congressional quarters advised that the Quezon tragedy stirred more comment from Capitol Hill than any Philippine event since the death of President Manuel Roxas a year ago. It will surely be remembered by the people of New York and other cities that they would support the idea of giving the Philippines governmental aid to see any way they could contribute to the president.

Other observers speculated that all action toward such aid is being held up because the United Republic's situation is still being considered. They said that the United States will move in China the more prominently the Philippines issue as a danger of democracy in the Far East.

Philippine leaders stressed that the United States should take the issue more seriously in order to stabilize the situation in the Philippines. They said that the United States should take the issue more seriously in order to stabilize the situation in the Philippines.

CWL Offers Requiem Mass for Quezons

The Catholic Women's League will offer a requiem mass for Mrs. Aurora Quezon, former president of the league, at the St. Ignace church, Manila, tomorrow night, May 6 at 7 o'clock at the St. Ignace church.

The mass will be officiated by Rev. Fr. Victoriano Cruz, pastor of the church, and will be attended by many members of the league and other friends of the league.

her daughter Baby, and her sister-in-law Philip.

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Surviving Members Of Quezon Family Receive Threats

The Philippine constabulary and Quezon City police adopted security measures upon receipt of reports that the surviving members of the Quezon family were being threatened with harm by "unknown elements."

Reports on the threats were relayed to the police authorities by Dr. Luis Alandy, a friend of the Quezon family and survivor of the Huk ambushade on the Bongabon-Baler road which claimed the lives of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, her daughter Baby, her son-in-law Philip Buencamino III and nine others.

Both the constabulary and the Quezon City police were understood to have maintained a constant patrol of the area and to have taken other steps to safeguard the life and security of people residing in the Quezon home on Gilmore Avenue, Quezon City.

FIVE HUKS KILLED AS GOV'T FORCES CATCH UP WITH AMBUSHERS

PALACE RITES FOR MRS. QUEZON

President Quirino will deliver the principal eulogy in the necrological ceremonies honoring Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, departed Philippine National Red Cross chairman, at 8 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Malacañan social hall, it was announced yesterday.

Dr. Manuel Lim, acting PNRC chairman, and Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs also will speak at the service which is being sponsored by the PNRC board of governors.

Outlaw Band Trapped Off Pantabangan Is Shelled; Furious Battle Raging

(Special to the Bulletin)

CABANATUAN, May 4.—At least five Hukbalahaps are known to have been killed as government forces pounded the main body of ambushers of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and members of her party, located since last night between barrios Cambitala and San Juan, outlying districts of Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija.

Osmena Leads Cebu Mourning For Quezons

Led by former President Sergio Osmeña, the people of the city and province of Cebu showed profound grief over the untimely death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, her daughter Baby, Philip Buencamino III and more members of her party.

The shocking news of the death of Mrs. Quezon reached Cebu on the evening of the day of the ambushade. With a mixed feeling of anger and grief, citizens of the city and province condemned the ambush as the worst crime that the ambushers had committed.

Upon being told of the news, ex-President Osmeña in his statement said, "I am shocked by the tragedy that has befallen Mrs. Quezon, her children and friends. I join the nation in mourning their untimely passing."

Governor Manuel Cuenco declared that the assailants of Mrs. Quezon should be made to pay for their atrocious acts. The governor wired his condolence to Mrs. Zenaida Quezon Buencamino "for the untimely death of Doña Aurora, Baby and Philip."

In his message of condolence to Mrs. Buencamino, Mayor Miguel Raffiñan said that "the manner of their untimely end has deeply shocked and angered the Cebuano people who cherish the memory of your father and mother as well as the members of your immediate family with utmost respect and reverence."

Municipal Board President Florencio Urot in his statement declared that the violent death of Mrs. Quezon in the hands of irresponsible elements should spur the government to run relentlessly after the perpetrators of the crime.

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Freedom Speaks

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Early this morning the phone rang, and at the other end of the wire was Mrs. Romulo telling us the shocking news of Doña Aurora's death. The report has been coming in over the radio every half-hour and we have been receiving calls from friends of the Quezons who wanted to check up with Embassy people about the veracity of the report. Being this far away from home it is really rather hard not to know what really happened. The first news broadcasts mentioned Doña Aurora, her daughter Maria Aurora, Mayor Bernardo and ten others were killed.

had all the ladies clapping for Then another report mentioned Doña Aurora, her daughter and her son-in-law were killed, and the teletype in the office mentioned Doña Aurora, her daughter and her grandson. It was all very confusing, but so very tragic. At last this noon we got an official cable from Manila to the Embassy saying definitely it was Doña Aurora, Baby, and Philip who had died in the ambush. The Embassy was ordered closed for the rest of the day by the Ambassador, as a sign of respect and mourning. Filipino priests at Woodstock College Mayland have offered to say requiem masses. Our deepest sympathies go to Nini, and the Buencaminos.

Rites Set May 9 For Mrs. Quezon

President Elpidio Quirino will deliver the principal eulogy in the necrological ceremonies honoring Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, departed Philippine National Red Cross chairman, at 8 to 9 p.m., Monday, May 9, at the Malacañan social hall. Monday's rites, sponsored by the PNRC board of governors, also include Dr. Manuel Lim, acting PNRC chairman and Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs as speakers.

President Quirino, when informed in Baguio through long distance by Dr. Manuel Lim last Tuesday evening of the proposed rites, said that he would only be too glad to take time out from the pressing affair of state to deliver the principal tribute to Mrs. Quezon.

Mrs. Quezon, in September 27, 1946, was chairman of the Central Executive Committee, then the governing body of the Philippine Red Cross when still under the American Red Cross. She took the place of Gen. Basilio J. Valdes who resigned.

UP Engineers Honor Bernardo

The members of the board of directors of the U. P. Alumni Engineers, composed of President Antonio Albert, Vice-President Andres O. Hizon, Secretary A. C. Kayanan and Directors Filemon Rodriguez and Cesar H. Concio, paid their last respects to their departed fellow alumnus, Mayor Ponciano Bernardo of Quezon City, who died with several members of the Quezon

Party which was ambushed recently near Baler. Dean Hermenegildo R. Reyes, twice president of the U.P. Alumni Engineers (UPAE), accompanied the group to the Quezon City Hall. The late Mayor Bernardo was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Association.

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Quezon Ambuscade Stirs Washington, Report; May Influence US To Give Arms Aid To PI

By JAMES CUNNINGHAM

WASHINGTON, May 4 (UP).—Military observers speculated that arms aid to the Philippines would stand or fall largely according to whether congress approves or reduces the proposed \$1,450,000,000 appropriation to help foreign nations fortify themselves against communism.

These observers guessed that the Philippines might hope to get up to \$30,000,000 in military supplies if congress passes the arms bill unaltered but less if it economizes. But they expressed the opinion that the matter would further depend to some extent on the relative degree of the communist threat to the Philippines as compared with other countries eligible for aid.

Senate Foreign Committee Chairman Tom Connally of Texas said recently that the island republic was among the countries qualified to share the \$320,000,000 arms aid proposed for non-Atlantic pact nations. He said these eligibles included Greece, Turkey, Iran, Korea, the Philippines and others.

Observers believed that continuation of the present Greek-Turkish aid program would absorb the bulk of this \$320,000,000.

They further speculated that congress might divide the remainder on the basis of whether Iran, for example, or Korea or the Philippines appeared most currently pressed by communists either within or along its borders.

Some sources carried the idea one step further. They suggested that Mrs. Aurora Quezon's assassination might start congress thinking that the Hukbalahap movement continues as a real communist threat to Philippine stability and security.

Congressional quarters pointed out that the Quezon tragedy stirred more comment from Capitol Hill than any Philippine event since the death of President Manuel Roxas a year ago. And some congressmen like Karl Stefan of Nebraska and Pat Kearney of New York, indicated that they would support the idea of giving the Philippine government tools to wipe out what they called communist-led Huk dissidents.

Stefan told the United Press that he believed there was enough sentiment in the house to carry such measure. He said that he felt it should be part of the general foreign arms aid program rather than separate legislation.

Other observers expected the red sweep toward South China to bring home to congress the island republic's strategic position facing communist Asia. They said that the farther south reds move in China, the more prominently the Philippines looms as a citadel of

democracy in the Far East.

Philippine circles believed that any United States aid to the island republic would take the form, firstly, of unused supplies stored away in United States depots after the war; and, secondly, serviceable equipment made surplus by the current demobilization of the Philippine scouts.

Our Greatest Teacher

These words and this our deep grief are hopelessly futile and inadequate to express the great loss that we have suffered from Doña Aurora's tragic death. She was our ideal Filipina mother, the personification of everything that was sublime and noble in Filipino womanhood. Her devotion to her family, her solicitude over the poor, her indefatigable efforts at social amelioration, her exemplary self-effacement, the soothing influence of her radiant and pleasing personality,—all of these qualities will forever enshrine her in our hearts. The death of Mrs. Quezon and Baby Quezon completes the martyrdom of the Quezons for the cause of the masses. It is for us the living to emulate Doña Aurora's glorious example, for her life truly made her the greatest teacher of us all! —The Philippine Public School Teachers' Association (By Marcelino Bautista, Executive Secretary-Treasurer).

Dedicate May As Month Of Prayer, Catholics Urge

Prominent Catholics of the Philippines, in appeals addressed to the Christian world, have dedicated the month of May as a month of prayer.

The prayer, which was signed by a group headed by the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, Chief Justice Manuel V. Moran, Senate President Jesus Mariano Cuenco, Dr. Salvador Araneta, and many others, asks that "special devotions, prayers, and sacrifices be offered by all our brethren during the month of May, in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary, Mediatrix of all Graces, to implore her powerful intercession for the protection of our holy religion, which is being cruelly persecuted in many countries at the present time; to beseech through her powerful intercession world peace, which is threatened at the present time by another devastating war; and finally and very specially, to obtain peace and charity and good will, as well as present for the law" in the Philippines.

The "spiritual testament" was one of the last acts of Mrs. Quezon.

Dr. Salvador Araneta, in indorsing the month of May as a month of prayer, said:

"Now that she has become the pure and innocent victim of our fratricidal hatreds, this appeal of Dona Aurora for a month of May dedicated to prayers and penances, acquire a very significant meaning. More than ever, we must realize that in the Philippines, we are facing a great national crisis and that prayers and penances must take more of our life, if our country has to be saved."

Pilgrimages to the different shrines of Our Lady, such as Antipolo, Peñafrancia, and Manawag," have been recommended by the committee which signed the "testament."

Quirino To Speak At Quezon Rites

President Quirino will deliver the principal eulogy in the necrological ceremonies honoring Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, departed Red Cross chairman, at 8 to 9 p.m., Monday, May 9, at the Malacañan social hall. At Monday's rites, sponsored by the PNRC board of governors, Dr. Manuel Lim, acting PNRC chairman, and Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, president of the National Federation of Women's Club, will also speak.

President Quirino, when informed in Baguio through long distance telephone by Dr. Manuel Lim last Tuesday evening of the proposed rites, said that he would only be too glad to take time from the pressing affairs of state to deliver the principal tribute to Mrs.

Quezon.

Mrs. Quezon, on September 27, 1946, was chairman of the Central Executive committee, then the governing body of the Philippine Red Cross when still under the American Red Cross. She took the place of Gen. Basilio J. Valdes who resigned.

On April 21, 1947, six days after the Philippine National Red Cross was declared an independent National Red Cross society, Mrs. Quezon was elected chairman by the board of governors. Since then, the widow of the late President Manuel Quezon devoted her full time and effort to Red Cross work and was commended by other Red Cross societies for the strides the organization has made.

Hawaiian Orchids Placed On Quezon Tombs

The Polynesian orchids rushed to Manila from Honolulu by PAL plane from the Filipinos in Hawaii for Mrs. Aurora Quezon, Maria Aurora Quezon and Philip Buencamino III, were placed yesterday on their graves by a ladies committee of the department of foreign affairs designated by Undersecretary Felino Neri.

The flowers, choice cattleyas of the Hawaiian islands, purchased from voluntary contributions of countrymen and the Philippine consulate general staff in Honolulu, reached Manila Tuesday night, and were taken the next morning to the Quezon mausoleum at the North cemetery by Mrs. Rafaelita H. Soriano, Misses Fe Palma and Julia Palarca.

Masses For Mrs. Quezon, Baby, Philip, Planned

A series of Requiem Masses have been set by various organizations in memory of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, Miss Maria Aurora (Baby) Quezon and Philip Buencamino III. Tomorrow, May 6, the Girl Scouts of the Philippines will offer a Requiem Mass for Baby Quezon at the Ateneo Chapel. Baby Quezon was a charter member of the organization and chairman of the central committee. The GSP will attend the ceremonies in uniform.

The YLAC's offering of Requiem Masses will be at 7 o'clock each morning on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, at the Singalong Paris church. The masses will be offered for the souls of Mrs. Quezon her daughter Baby, and her son-in-law Philip.

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Requiem Mass for Mrs. Quezon Set For Saturday at San Miguel Church

A requiem mass in honor of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, who died last April 28 in the ambush along the Bongabong-Baler highway, will be held at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral.

The requiem mass will be officiated by Father Rufino Santos, auxiliary bishop of Manila. Father Forbes J. Monaghan, S.J. will deliver the eulogy. Sponsoring the requiem mass is the Philippine National Red Cross Board of Governors, of which Mrs. Quezon was the chairman until the time of her death.

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Requiem Masses

Requiem masses will be said on May 9, 10, and 11 at 7 a.m. at the Singalong church for the repose of the souls of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, Maria Aurora Quezon and Philip Buencamino III. These masses are sponsored by the Singalong Ylao Unit.

Tribute Paid To Mrs. Quezon In Tarlac Rites

Special to the Chronicle

TARLAC, Tarlac, May 5—Necrological services honoring the late Mrs. Aurora Quezon, were held at the assembly hall of the Tarlac high school here last Wednesday morning under the auspices of the board of directors and personnel of the Tarlac chapter of the Philippine National Red Cross.

Tarlac Mayor Arsenio Lúgay, who delivered an oration in representation of the municipality's participation in the services, recounted the different acts of kindness of Mrs. Quezon of which Tarlac town was the direct beneficiary.

In his oration, Arturo E. Ilagan, chairman of the board of directors of the Tarlac chapter, PNRC, compared Mrs. Quezon's passing with such national catastrophes as the fall of Bataan, the surrender of Corregidor, and the deaths of President Quezon and Roxas.

Board member Ricardo Y. Navarro, speaking for Governor Antonio E. Lopez, who was absent, extolled the exemplary life that Mrs. Quezon lived.

Miss Isabel Ignacio, chapter administrator in this province for the Philippine National Red Cross, who delivered the response, said that only by pushing through the objectives and ideals of service laid down by Mrs. Quezon can we truly venerate and pay fitting tribute to her.—fya



To give way for the broadcast of the necrological services in honor of the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, to be held at Malacañan Social Hall on Monday evening, Luis P. Pellicer, the sponsor of the Verbena-Povil Amateur Hour, has consented to move his program to 7 p.m. for this day. The Verbena-Povil Amateur Hour features Pugo, Togo and Lopita as emcees.

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Fall Of Strong Huk Fort Pends

Contact With Ambush Group Soon Expected

Special to The MANILA TIMES
IN THE FIELD WITH PC FORCES, May 5.—A Huk stronghold in the lush jungles of Mt. Guinat near the town of Rizal Nueva Ecija, is expected to fall into the hands of government forces within a few days.

Intelligence reports indicated that among the dissidents who have retreated to the jagged mountain peak probably for a last-ditch stand, were those who took part in the infamous ambush of the Quezon party in Bongabon a week ago. PC artillery continues shelling the heights of the mountain. Smell of decayed flesh pervades the slopes of the mountain indicating considerable Huk casualties from the heavy barrage of guns.

For the past few days, state troops took time to dispose of the bodies of slain dissidents, but the process has to be suspended temporarily since the start of intensified operations in the vicinity of the mountain.

Around 150 burl hats popularly known as "sabutan," of Baler origin, were captured by advance PC patrols. It is believed the hats were those worn by Quezon ambushers. A number of similar hats were found two days ago near Digmala following a clash.

Huk morale is reported to have been considerably weakened in the face of continuous shelling from government battery units "D" and "C".

Battle-seasoned troops of the 1st Heavy Weapons Company, the 12th, and the 9th PC companies, and Col. Valeriano's famed 1st PC Combat Battalion with special jungle equipment are fast closing in on the entrenched Huk strongpoint while spotter planes keep spotting for fleeing Huks.

Mayor Jovino Tienzo of Lupao this morning told the Times his town has been alerted since yesterday afternoon against a possible Huk attack from the direction of the northern hills. The alarm was sounded following intelligence reports that a large Huk band mostly composed of 15-year-olds drafted into the Huk "Army of Liberation" was seen the other morning heading for Mt. Amurong on the Nueva Ecija-Pangasinan border.—G.

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MALOLOS, Bulacan, May 5.—PC companies under the personal direction of Major Crispino M. de Castro, provincial commander, continued to operate against the dissidents today.

Card of Thanks

The families of the late

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Nueno Will Help Hunt Ambush Group

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PARIS, May 5.—Philippine Congressman Jose Topacio Nueno promised to organize and lead a guerrilla army to hunt the slayers of the Quezon party, in a meeting in Paris following the memorial services for the Quezons held at the Notre Dame cathedral yesterday.

A resolution of condolence for the victims of the Bongabon incident was passed in the same meeting in which Filipinos composing the Junior Chamber of Commerce participated.

Congressman Nueno, now on an observation tour of governments has been the recipient of banquets and receptions from prominent French political leaders, diplomats, and members of the nobility.

Great admiration was expressed in these circles for the valor and courage displayed by Filipinos in the last war for democracy. French businessmen showed keen interest in the way the Philippine budget has been balanced and in business ventures generally.

Nueno left for Spain and Italy to continue his mission of study of governments and general conditions in Europe and America.

Classmates Offer Mass For "Baby"

A requiem mass will be offered by the College of Law, Class 1947, University of Santo Tomas, for the departed souls of their classmate Atty. Maria Aurora Quezon, her mother, Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon and her brother-in-law Philip Buencamino III at the UST Chapel on May 15, 1949, at 8 o'clock a.m.

All members of the class, relatives and friends of the late Baby Quezon are invited to attend the mass.

Atty. Marconi I. Fumarada, President of the class has announced that a motorcade from the U.S.T. Chapel to the North Cemetery will take place after the mass in order to make floral offerings and hold fitting ceremonies to honor the memory of their late classmate. Father Jose Blanco, Regent of the College of Law during Baby's university days, has accepted the invitation to sing the requiem mass. Former professors of the class also have shown willingness to attend the scheduled mass.

In order to discuss further details, the members of the class will hold a meeting at the residence of Atty. Eddie Magsalin at 530 Quezon Boulevard, on Saturday, May 7 at 4:00 in the afternoon. All members of the Class 1947, College of Law U.S.T., are therefore requested to attend.

Swedish Minister Sends Condolences

A message of condolence to the bereaved family of Mrs. Quezon was received by the Department of Foreign Affairs the other day from the Minister of Sweden to the Philippines, His Excellency, Torsten Hamarstrom, who is at

present at his Shanghai office.

The cable reads: "Deeply shocked by the news of the tragic death of Madame Quezon I beg leave to convey to your Excellency my heartfelt sympathy in the bereavement suffered by the entire Philippine nation."

Hawaii Orchids Arrive For Quezon Graves

The polynesian orchids rushed to Manila from Honolulu by PAL plane by the Filipinos in Hawaii for Mrs. Aurora Quezon, Maria Aurora and Philip Buencamino III, victims of a recent ambushade by dissident elements, were this morning placed on the graves of the wife of the first president of the Philippines, her daughter and her son-in-law by a ladies committee of the department of foreign affairs designated by Undersecretary Felino Neri.

The flowers, choice catleyas of the Hawaiian islands, purchased from voluntary contributions of countrymen and the Philippine consulate general staff in Honolulu, reached Manila last night, and were taken this morning to the Quezon mausoleum at the North Cemetery by three foreign affairs ladies, namely, Mrs. Rafaelita H. Soriano, Misses Fe Palma and Julia Palanca.

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European Newspapers Played Up Mrs. Quezon's Death, Arrivals Say

European newspapers carried on the front page a full account of the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, according to passengers on the PAL DC-4 which arrived yesterday noon from Madrid and Rome. They said they read the news on the day following the incident.

Heading the arrivals were six members of an original 11-man group of Catholic priests who went on a pilgrimage to Rome and to attend the Golden Jubilee of the Pope. They said they were about to board the plane in Paris for Rome when they read the account of Mrs. Quezon's fate in the morning papers.

Immediately after reaching Rome the next day, the pilgrims each said mass at the Pieta chapel in honor of Mrs. Quezon.

Another passenger on the same plane was Miss Leonor Pablo, who returned after a six-month tour of the United States and Europe. Miss Pablo recounted how the Filipino community in Rome at first would not believe the information received by the legation. Philip Buencamino III, one of the victims of the ambush and Mrs. Quezon's son-in-law, was a popular member of the Filipino set in Rome while he was still connected with the legation.

Miss Pablo traveled on a United Nations fellowship for study and observation on medico-legal and social welfare community organization in various universities of the United States. She received also a grant to visit more than 14 countries in Europe. She took post-graduate course in the New York School of Social Service.

Spanish newspapers likewise carried a complete account of Mrs. Quezon's death together with her picture on the front page and more pictures of her and

her children while they were travelling in Spain with the late President Quezon. This was disclosed by a number of prominent members of the local Spanish community who returned after spending the Holy Week in Sevilla and other Spanish cities.

Jose Razon Got, head of the sugar section of the Tabacalera, returned to the Philippines with his bride, Mrs. Maria Dolores Pradera-Got, whom he married in Madrid a week ago.

Joseph H. Compton, official of the local Westinghouse agency, who was on the same plane, returned from a two-month business tour of Calcutta.

REQUIEM MASS FOR QUEZONS

Choly, Fely and Teresa Rabelas, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Protacio Rabelas of Calauag, Quezon, are offering a requiem mass for the repose of the souls of Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon, her daughter Baby Quezon, and son-in-law Philip Buencamino III, at the Paco Catholic church this morning.

Rev. Father German Martin will officiate at the ceremony. The mass will be offered by the Rabelas sisters in behalf of their parents who were friends of the Quezon family.

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Provinces Hold Memorial Rites

LEGASPI CITY, May 6 (ENS).—The Albay-Catanduanes chapter of the Philippine Red Cross sponsored a requiem mass at the old Albay parish church on May 2 in memory of Mrs. Quezon. Government officials and prominent citizens attended.—PAS

LUCENA, Quezon Province, May 6 (ENS).—Requiem mass will be celebrated in the town Catholic church Saturday in memory of the victims of the Quezon ambush. Government officials and members of civic organizations led by Governor Gregorio Santayana will attend the services. Father Conti and two other priests will officiate.—A

CEBU CITY, May 6 (ENS).—Classes of the University of Visayas were suspended recently in deference to the death of Mrs. Quezon and members of her party. President Gullas of the university issued a public statement condemning the crime and urging

all Filipinos regardless of political affiliation to unite for the preservation of peace and order.—VVP

Mass For Mrs. Quezon

Gabriel La O, president of the Papal Knights association and Paulino M. Sampedro, delegate of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta sponsored a requiem mass and response for the soul of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon. The mass was said by Rev. Dr. Rufino J. Santos, auxiliary bishop of Manila at 7 p.m., May 2, at the chapel of the Archbishop's Palace at Villa San Miguel, Mandaluyong.

Mass For Mrs. Quezon Set At Pro-Cathedral

A requiem mass in honor of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon will be held at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral.

The mass will be officiated by Rev. Fr. Rufino Santos, auxiliary bishop of Manila. Rev. Fr. Forbes J. Monaghan, S.J. will deliver the eulogy. Sponsoring the requiem mass is the PNR board of governors, of which Mrs. Quezon was the chairman until the time of her death.

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CABANATUAN, May 6.—The hunted Quezon killers led by Commander Alexander Viernes have reportedly fanned out from the battle zones to the lowlands, despite intensified assaults of combined government troopers and planes to encircle the Huks along the Sierra Madre wild lands in the Bongabong-Rizal sectors.

Col. Napoleon Valeriano, who assumed over-all command of the Huk operation in Nueva Ecija launched a four-pronged attack against the elusive Huk killers. The government troopers concentrated their drive towards the lowlands in order to harass the escaping dissidents from the doomed battle zones along the Sierra Madre mountains.

PC intelligence reports said that Commander Viernes succeeded in leading around 700 Huks out of the fighting fronts,

as 300 Huks carried out the battle with the government soldiers as diversionary moves to conceal the escape of the Quezon killers.

Meanwhile, two commando units shelled the Huk lairs in Bongabong and Rizal sectors where around 300 Huks are being entrenched.

The Quezon killers, according to PC reports, succeeded in dispersing three ways towards Licab, Zaragoza and Papaya areas. The same source said that those heading towards Papaya consisted mainly of women and wounded Huks who were victims of the intensified fighting since the infamous Quezon ambushade.

Heavy fighting between the government troopers and the dissidents was reported in the vicinity of Mt. Guinlat, 14 kilometers northeast of Rizal where two PA battery units aided by the veteran "Nenita unit" blasted Huk positions. Around 15 Huks have already been counted dead.

Military planes blasted Huk positions near the Digmala sawmill where the Huks are believed to have bivouacked. The government soldiers are reportedly led by two civilians who escaped as Huk captives in the assault of the Huk bastion in this area.

Pedro Manantan, a captured member of the Quezon killers horde said that the dissidents are starving in their lairs. Manantan, it was found out, escaped from the Nueva Ecija provincial jail.—g.a.c.

Special to the Chronicle

LUCENA, Quezon, May 6.—Three alleged Huks, including a commander, were killed in a fierce but brief encounter between the dissidents and government forces at barrio Sto. Angel, Mauban, at 10 o'clock this morning.

The encounter was the first since the Quezon PC headquarters renewed their campaign against the Huks following the Bongabong ambushade of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon.

The exchange of fire lasted for one hour during which the Huks, badly routed, fled and left behind several sacks of rice and canned goods. Three dead Huks were also found by the attacking PC forces. One of the dead was identified as Commander Pablo Varga. Reports reaching the office of the provincial governor said that 30 rounds of ammunition, one carbine and one .45 caliber pistol were captured by the soldiers.

Say Mass Today For Mrs. Quezon

A requiem mass in memory of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon will be said in the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral at 7:30 o'clock this morning, sponsored by the Philippine National Red Cross board of governors. Mrs. Zenaida Quezon-Buencamino and Nonong Quezon will be in attendance along with relatives, friends and co-workers of Mrs. Quezon in the PNR.

The Rev. Rufino J. Santos, auxiliary bishop of Manila, will officiate, while the Rev. Fr. Forbes J. Monaghan will deliver the eulogy.

President Quirino will deliver the principal eulogy at the necrological services for Mrs. Quezon which will be held at the Malacanan social hall on Mon-

Requiem Masses

A requiem mass in honor of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, Maria Aurora Quezon and Philip Buencamino III will be held at 9:45 Sunday morning, May 8, at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral. Sponsoring the mass is The Young Ladies' Association of Charity, Inc. (YLAC) of which Mrs. Quezon is directress-adviser of the high council, and Miss Quezon, president.

Meanwhile, a series of requiem masses to be sponsored by the 21 YLAC units is scheduled to start Monday, May 9th through May 31st to be held at the different parishes of Manila, Iloilo, Leyte, Albay, Occidental Negros and Laguna and Cebu.

A novena will also be held at the San Marcelino church starting Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00 every afternoon sponsored by the YLAC organization.

All YLAC sponsors and patrons are cordially invited to attend the mass on Sunday, May 8. All members are requested to attend the mass in uniform.

A requiem mass will be offered for our late honorary president, Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon on Tuesday, May 10, at the San Beda church, at 8:00 a.m. All members are requested to attend this mass.



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TRAGEDY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Americans who respect the memory of Manuel L. Quezon, first president of the Philippines, and symbol of the dauntless fight which his countrymen waged against the Japanese invaders, will be shocked at the brutal slaying of his widow, his daughter and his son-in-law in the mountains north of Manila. The tragedy seems so wanton and pointless, whatever the motives of the killers; as a political act of the communist-led hukbalahaps, as is now charged, it can only intensify the determination of the government to suppress the movement which caused the crime.

Mrs. Aurora Quezon has been active in many fields of endeavor, and her charitable work, her efforts on behalf of the women of her country, have her many claims upon the gratitude and affection of the Filipinos. The great crowd of mourners which gathered for her funeral procession was an eloquent testimony to her position in the hearts of her people, just as the night-long battle with her kill-

ers, told the reality of the danger which her assassination represented. The United States will share in the sorrow of the Philippines, and hope that the young republic will soon be able to stamp out the forces which threaten it. —New York Herald-Tribune.

REQUIEM MASS FOR MRS. QUEZON SET

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The Rev. Fr. Forbes J. Monaghan, S.J., will deliver the eulogy. Government officials, foreign diplomats, business executives, social and civic leaders, and other prominent persons have been invited to hear the mass which is being sponsored by the PNR board of directors. Also in attendance will be Mrs. Zenaida Quezon Buencamino and Manuel Quezon, Jr., surviving members of the Quezon family.

Following this requiem mass, another will be said at the same church at 9:45 a. m. This is being offered by the YLAC, of which Mrs. Quezon was a directress-adviser and her daughter, Miss Maria Aurora "Baby" Quezon, was the president. Miss Quezon also was a victim in the ambushade.

Twenty-one YLAC units also will give a series of requiem masses starting Monday until May 31 in various parishes of Manila, Iloilo, Negros, Laguna and Cebu.

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Also on Monday at 8 a. m., the club Damas de Manila will offer a mass at the San Beda church. Members are requested to attend. The De la Salle college and board of directors of the La Salle alumni association also are offering a mass in honor of the ambushade victims on Monday at 8 a. m. in the college chapel.

NEW YORK, May 6 (UP).—An estimated 500 Filipinos attended the requiem mass in St. Patrick's cathedral yesterday for Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and others killed in last week's ambush in Nueva Ecija province.

HONGKONG, May 6 (UP).—Msgr. Henry Valtorta, bishop of Hongkong, officiated at a requiem mass for Dona Aurora A. Quezon and other members of her family who were massacred by outlaws in the Philippines last week.

After the mass this morning, Valtorta recalled his long acquaintance with Mrs. Quezon who was married 31 years ago in the Catholic cathedral here.

A large group of Filipinos and others attended the mass.

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Col. Napoleon Valeriano, who assumed over-all command of the Huk operation in Nueva Ecija launched a four-pronged attack against the elusive Huk killers. The government troopers concentrated their drive towards the lowlands in order to harass the escaping dissidents from the doomed battle zones along the Sierra Madre mountains.

PC intelligence reports said that Commander Viernes succeeded in leading around 700 Huks out of the fighting fronts,

as 300 Huks carried out the battle with the government soldiers as diversionary moves to conceal the escape of the Quezon killers.

Meanwhile, two commando units shelled the Huk lairs in Bongabong and Rizal sectors where around 300 Huks are being entrenched.

The Quezon killers, according to PC reports, succeeded in dispersing three ways towards Licab, Zaragoza and Papaya areas. The same source said that those heading towards Papaya consisted mainly of women and wounded Huks who were victims of the intensified fighting since the infamous Quezon ambushade.

Heavy fighting between the government troopers and the dissidents was reported in the vicinity of Mt. Guinat, 14 kilometers northeast of Rizal where two PA battery units aided by the veteran "Nenita unit" blasted Huk positions. Around 15 Huks, have already been counted dead.

Military planes blasted Huk positions near the Digmala sawmill where the Huks are believed to have bivouacked. The government soldiers are reportedly led by two civilians who escaped as Huk captives in the assault of the Huk bastion in this area.

Pedro Manantan, a captured member of the Quezon killers horde said that the dissidents are starving in their lairs. Manantan, it was found out, escaped from the Nueva Ecija provincial jail.—g.a.c.

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LUCENA, Quezon, May 6.—Three alleged Huks, including a commander, were killed in a fierce but brief encounter between the dissidents and government forces at barrio Sto. Angel, Mauban, at 10 o'clock this morning.

The encounter was the first since the Quezon PC headquarters renewed their campaign against the Huks following the Bongabong ambushade of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon.

The exchange of fire lasted for one hour during which the Huks, badly routed, fled and left behind several sacks of rice and canned goods. Three dead Huks were also found by the attacking PC forces. One of the dead was identified as Commander Pablo Varga. Reports reaching the office of the provincial governor said that 30 rounds of ammunition, one carbine and one .45 caliber pistol were captured by the soldiers.

Say Mass Today For Mrs. Quezon

A requiem mass in memory of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon will be said in the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral at 7:30 o'clock this morning, sponsored by the Philippine National Red Cross board of governors. Mrs. Zenaida Quezon-Buencamino and Nonong Quezon will be in attendance along with relatives, friends and co-workers of Mrs. Quezon in the PNRC.

The Rev. Rufino J. Santos, auxiliary bishop of Manila, will officiate, while the Rev. Fr. Forbes J. Monaghan will deliver the eulogy.

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—REPRINTED EDITORIAL—

Americans who respect the memory of Manuel L. Quezon, first president of the Philippines, and symbol of the dauntless fight which his countrymen waged against the Japanese invaders, will be shocked at the brutal slaying of his widow, his daughter and his son-in-law in the mountains north of Manila. The tragedy seems so wanton and pointless, whatever the motives of the killers; as a political act of the communist-led hukbalahaps, as is now charged, it can only intensify the determination of the government to suppress the movement which caused the crime.

Mrs. Aurora Quezon has been active in many fields of endeavor, and her charitable work, her efforts on behalf of the women of her country, have her many claims upon the gratitude and affection of the Filipinos. The great crowd of mourners which gathered for her funeral procession was an eloquent testimony to her position in the hearts of her people, just as the night-long battle with her kill-

ers told the reality of the danger which her assassination represented. The United States will share in the sorrow of the Philippines, and hope that the young republic will soon be able to stamp out the forces which threaten it. —New York Herald-Tribune.

REQUIEM MASS FOR MRS. QUEZON SET

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The Rev. Fr. Forbes J. Monaghan, S.J., will deliver the eulogy.

Government officials, foreign diplomats, business executives, social and civic leaders, and other prominent persons have been invited to hear the mass which is being sponsored by the PNRC board of directors. Also in attendance will be Mrs. Zenaida Quezon Buencamino and Manuel Quezon, Jr., surviving members of the Quezon family.

Following this requiem mass, another will be said at the same church at 9:45 a. m. This is being offered by the YLAC, of which Mrs. Quezon was a directress-adviser and her daughter, Miss Maria Aurora "Baby" Quezon, was the president. Miss Quezon also was a victim in the ambushade.

Twenty-one YLAC units also will give a series of requiem masses starting Monday until May 31 in various parishes of Manila, Iloilo, Negros, Laguna and Cebu.

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After the mass this morning, Valtorta recalled his long acquaintance with Mrs. Quezon who was married 31 years ago in the Catholic cathedral here.

A large group of Filipinos and others attended the mass.

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Lucena Honors Mrs. Quezon

LUCENA, Quezon, May 6—The Quezon provincial board today set aside Saturday as a day of prayer for the repose of the souls of Doña Aurora A. Quezon, Baby Quezon, and other members of her party who met a violent death at the hands of assassins on the road to Baler.

Residents of this province will offer prayers at 7 o'clock a.m. on Saturday. In Lucena, a necrological service sponsored by provincial government officials and employees will be held at the local Catholic church. There will be no speakers. A high requiem mass, to be said by Father Diego Conti, will highlight the rites.

Meanwhile, Governor Gregorio Santayana left for Manila today for treatment for arthritis at the PGH.

MASS FOR MRS. QUEZON TODAY AT 7:30

A requiem mass in honor of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, who died last April 28 in the ambush along the Bongabong-Baler highway, will be held at 7:30 a.m. today, May 7, at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral.

The mass will be officiated by Rev. Fr. Rufino Santos, auxiliary bishop of Manila. Rev. Fr. Forbes J. Monaghan, S. J. will deliver the eulogy. Sponsoring the requiem mass is the Philippine National Red Cross Board of Governors, of which Mrs. Quezon was the chairman until the time of her date.

Meanwhile, necrological services for Mrs. Quezon will be held at 8 to 9 p.m., Monday, May 9, at the Malacañan social hall. President Elpidio Quirino will deliver the principal eulogy during the necrological ceremonies, with Dr. Manuel Lim, acting PNRC chairman, and Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, NFWC president, as speaker. Monday's rites are under the auspices of the Philippine National Red Cross.

REQUIEM MASS HELD IN NY FOR MRS. QUEZON

A requiem mass for Mrs. Auro-

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ra Quezon and her daughter was offered Thursday morning at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. Mrs. Quezon, widow of the first president of the Philippines, her daughter and several other persons were killed in an ambush-attack by unidentified bandits last week in Northern Luzon.

Thursday's service has been arranged by official Philippine agencies here and by American-Philippine societies in the city, according to Jose P. Melencio, Philippine consul general.

Among those who attended besides Melencio and his wife, were Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo, chief of the Philippine delegation to the United Nations Assembly, and Mrs. Joaquin M. Elizalde, wife of the Philippine ambassador to the United States.

A requiem high mass for Mrs. Quezon was held at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington Tuesday morning.

Bernardo Requiem Mass Set May 11

Mass will be said for the repose of the soul of the late Mayor Ponciano A. Bernardo on Wednesday, May 11, at 8 o'clock a.m. at the Kamuning Parish Church on 9th Street, corner H. Avenue.

Officials of Quezon City, officials of the University of the Philippines, and friends of Mayor Bernardo are invited to attend the mass which is under the auspices of the Capital City Planning Commission.

they could see that he had features like those of a human being, and was indescribably beautiful.

Stupefied, speechless, they stood regarding him.

"Don't be afraid," he said. "I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me."

And kneeling on the ground, he prostrated himself until his forehead touched it, saying:

"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You! I beg pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You!

Three times he spoke the same words, which the children, as in a daze, repeated them after him. Then, arising he said:

"Pray thus. The hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications."

With that he disappeared, as if he had been dissolved in sunlight.

The children remained kneeling for a long time under the influence perhaps of some supernatural state of ecstasy or suspension of bodily powers, such as many saints have described. "It was so intense," wrote Lucia, "that we were almost unaware of our own existence for a long space of time." They kept saying the Angel's prayer over and over. Not that there was any danger of forgetting it, for the words had been impressed indelibly upon their minds; but it seemed the only thing to do.

"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You! I beg pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You."

Lucia and Jacinta were still kneeling and repeating these words, when they became aware of the voice of Francisco:

"I can't stay this way as long as you can, it hurts my back so much I can't do it."

He had stopped kneeling and was sitting on the ground, exhausted. All of them, in fact, felt weak and dazed. Gradually they pulled themselves together and then began to collect the scattered sheep, for the day was far spent and it was nearly time for supper. None of them felt like talking on the way to Aljustrel.

Just before they parted, Lucia warned the others to say nothing of what they had seen and heard. Why she did this she does not know even to this day. "It seemed the right thing to do," she told me. "There was something intensely intimate about it. It was just something you couldn't talk about."

Whether it was splendid Michael that the children saw at Cabeco, or one of the other six who stand before the throne of God, the effect

upon them was profound and lasting. The world could never be the same after such an experience. But this was not all. For the Angel appeared again to them not merely once, but twice.

The second apparition was a few weeks after the first. It was one of the hottest days of that summer. They had taken their sheep home at noon to inclose them during the blazing hours of the siesta, and were spending the time playing listening at the well in the shade of the fig trees behind the Abodora cottage, apparently with no thought of what was about to happen, when they looked up and saw him there beside them.

What are you doing? he demanded. "Pray! Pray a great deal! The hearts of Jesus and of Mary have merciful designs for you. Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High."

"How must we sacrifice?" asked Lucia.

"With all your power offer a sacrifice as an act of reparation for the sinners by whom He is offended, and of supplication for the conversion of sinners. Thus draw peace upon your country. I am its Guardian Angel, the Angel of Portugal. Above all accept and endure with submission the suffering which the Lord will send you."

He was gone. And again the children remained for a long time in a sort of ecstasy or exaltation of spirit, adoring the Lord God whose messenger had been revealed to them. When this gradually fell away and they began to feel more like their ordinary selves, Lucia discovered that Francisco had heard nothing of what the Angel had said, although, as before, he had seen him plainly.

"Did you speak with the Angel?" he asked. "What did he say to you?"

"Didn't you hear?" "No. I saw that you were speaking with somebody. I heard what you said to him, but I don't know what he said."

The next day Francisco said to his sister:

"Jacinta, tell me what the Angel said."

"I'll tell you tomorrow," said the little girl. "Today I can't speak."

On the following day he sought out Lucia again and said:

"Did you sleep last night? I was thinking all the time of the Angel and what it might be he said."

She then repeated the Angel's words on both occasions. The boy's mind was slower than Jacinta's. He had difficulty grasping what some of it meant.

"Who is the Most High?" he asked. "What does it mean. The hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications?"

Lucia tried to explain. It was not easy, for he would break in constantly with other questions. Besides, the weight of what she calls "the atmosphere of the supernatural" was still to some extent upon them both, even after so long a time. She could not think of what to say. Finally he said, "Some other day! Ask me some other day!"

He waited patiently, but at the first opportunity he began plying her with new questions.

"Don't talk much about these things!" interrupted Jacinta. Yet with charming inconsistency she went on to say that there was something about the Angel that made her no longer want to talk,

sing or play. "I haven't strength enough for anything."

"Neither have I," said Francisco. "But what of it? The Angel is most beautiful than all this. Let us think about him!"

Presently he did begin to grasp what the Angel had meant by sacrifices. From that day forth he vied with the girls in giving up little pleasures and satisfactions for the sinners of the world. All three would spend hours at a time lying prostrate on the ground, repeating over and over the prayer that the Angel had taught.

This must have been in July or August, 1916. As nearly as Lucia can estimate, it was probably late September or October when he appeared for the third and last time. Again they had been playing in the "cave" at Cabeco, while the sheep strayed on the slope below; and after saying their Rosary as usual, they were reciting the prayer in unison:

"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I beg pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You."

They had said this but a few times when they saw the same crystalline light come swiftly over the valley, and there he was, beautiful, resplendent, dazzling, hovering in the air before them. This time he held in one hand a Chalice, and in the other, over it, a Host. These he left suspended in the air while he prostrated himself on the ground and said:

"Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly and offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the earth, in preparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference with which He Himself is offered. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners."

This he said three times. Then, rising up, he took the Chalice and the Host, and kneeling on the flat rock, held the white disk before him, saying:

"Take and drink the Body and the Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly insulted by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God."

They could see drops of Blood falling from the Host into the Cup. He placed it on the tongue of Lucia. To Jacinta and Francisca, who had not received First Communion, he presented the Chalice, and they drank of it. At the end he once more prostrated himself on the ground and said the same prayer thrice. The children repeated it with him, Francisco following the others, for he had not heard the words. Then, for the last time, the Angel of Peace faded away into the shimmering sunlight.

The sense of the presence of God on that occasion was so intense, according to Lucia, that it left them weak and abstracted and almost with the sensation of being out of their bodies. It was Francisco, again, who was the first to return to ordinary reality, and to call their attention to the fact that it was growing dark. With such energy as they could muster, they herded the sheep together and drove them home. Yet under their weakness they felt an infinite peace and felicity for which there were no words.

THE ANGEL OF PEACE

By WILLIAM THOMAS WALSH

Lucia, nine years old and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta, were the chosen instruments of God, in the apparition of the Virgin Mary, in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. The apparitions of the Virgin were preceded by that of the Angel of Peace of which very little has been read in the Philippines.

The following excerpts from the book "Our Lady of Fatima" by William Thomas Walsh give a vivid description of the three apparitions of the Angel of Peace.

Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta followed their sheep as usual over the savory hills, watched the rebirth of the world, and sang and danced among the rocks.

They were still amusing themselves, in the middle of the morning, when the sky became suddenly overcast, and a fine mist scudded quickly down on one of those stiff, cold breezes from the invisible ocean to the northwest. They remembered the half-cave at Cabeco, near the rocky crest of the slope on which the sheep were grazing; and as quickly as possible they in-prodded them up the gradual incline until, seeing them huddled peacefully in the shelter of some trees, they themselves took refuge in the "cave" on the southern brow of the hill.

The Family Rosary In Every Home

*"I am the Lady of the Rosary.
Men must amend their lives
and ask pardon for their sins.
They must not continue to offend
Our Lord who is already deeply
offended." Continue to recite the
rosary everyday.-----*

MESSAGE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

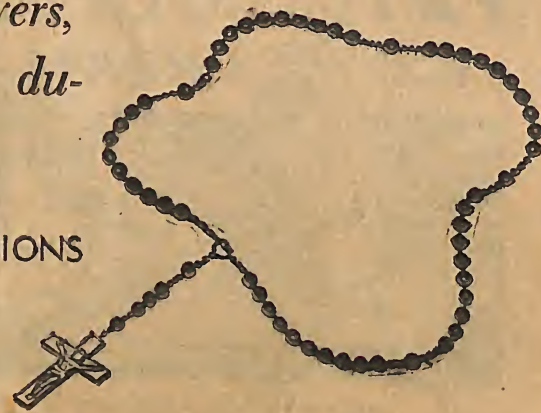
*It has never been more timely,
more fitting, to have the family
rosary recited in every home than
in this month of May. We urge
all not to fail to say this wonderful
prayer every day in honor of Our
Blessed Mother, Our Lady Me-
diatrix of All Graces, to whom
we are dedicating our prayers,
our devotions, our sacrifices du-
ring this month of May.-----*

LAYMEN'S COMMITTEE, MAY DEVOTIONS

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ONLY PRAYERS, PENANCES, AND A NEW WAY OF LIFE CAN SAVE THE WORLD!

When Felipe Buencamino had been shot, and lay dying, he wrote on the windshield of the car, in his own blood: "Hope—God." He said the rosary all the way to the hospital, and his last request was for a priest.

Felipe died well.

Most of us die well. Whenever there is a call for heroic action, we respond. We are not afraid of danger or of death. We proved that during the war. We die like men, courageously, calmly, praying to the Virgin and to her Son.

When we see a danger, we face it. But there is one danger which we neither face nor fight, which some of us don't see, and some of us try to ignore. The danger of a godless Philippines—a communistic Philippines and a communistic world!

How to prevent it?

With prayers, penances and a new way of life—a new way of life richer in spiritual and material benefits for the great masses of the people.

The Blessed Virgin, in her appearances, which are a special gift to us, says that we should fight! She wants justice, prayer and penance! She wants it now, while we are living. She is not content that we should be heroic when we die. If we are brave in war, why not now? Why should we not live as beautifully as we die?

If in the heat and dust of the day we were as honest, as selfless, as courageous, as noble as we are at death—if we prayed now as we will pray then—we would change the face of the Philippines. We would prevent the outbreak of World War III. We would end the current civil strife which caused the death of Felipe. We would be men, worthy of the Virgin, worthy of the nation.

And—Catholic Alumni—if anyone is to answer this request of the Virgin, it must be we. If we don't answer, no one will.

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Child Of Mary Unit Presents Plans For Carrying Out Drive

Proposals were presented the other day to the Laymen's Committee for May Devotions by the Child of Mary from Sta. Theresa's College in connection with the implementation of the nation-wide campaign for peace through the Blessed Virgin and Christ the Lord.

According to the letter addressed to the committee, the Sta. Theresa's College Child of Mary proposed the presentation of Radio Family Rosaries, the propagation of the family consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the prosecution of the campaign for peace until its aim is fully attained, and the spreading of the devotion of the First Five Consecutive Saturdays as found in Fatima pamphlets.

The letter follows in full:

"First of all, I wish to express my best congratulations to those who were responsible in launching a drive for peace. Indeed, we are in great need of such efforts as an all out spiritual drive for peace and your appeal which appeared in the Manila Chronicle calling all Catholics to a crusade of prayer and penance was most welcome indeed. We Catholics are called upon to respond, heart and soul to that call because our Lady's appeal from Fatima has grown very urgent in a world that seems to go farther and farther away from Christ and His Divine teachings. We know even that such an appeal has grown more meaningful for us Filipinos because of the recent incidents in Lipa, Carmel,

"It is for this very reason that I write you as one of the many Catholics who I hope, will not turn a deaf ear to such a call. I am thankful that besides the pointers you published in the local daily telling us how we must act to further the campaign, you have also given the privilege of making some suggestions. May I make the following:

"1. For the radio family rosary—how about mentioning this intention before recitation among other intentions, "For the conversion of Russia" this being the express wish of the Holy Father. To explain this most important intention, you perhaps know that in our Lady's appeal at Fatima, she asked that the Holy Father consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart. That was quite an understatement of Our Lady and from some church authorities, we gather that she was really asking for prayers in order

that Russia may be converted and after be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart by the Holy Father. The importance of this suggestion may be well realized if we take account of the fact that the conversion of Russia is the change of an ideology menacing the world at present under the name of Communism, to our own Christian ideas.

"2. The message of Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady Mediatrix of all Grace (as expressed in the first circular notice of the Lipa apparitions) is the same. It is threefold, namely, Prayer, Penance, and individual or family consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. With regard to penance—I would make this suggestion. Portugal was saved from revolutionary elements because her Catholics heeded the call for penance and abstinence from dances, movies, immodest dresses and every pleasure and amusement that would endanger the morals of our youth. How about having some very influential persons handling the committee whose aim is to curtail practices that truly displeases our Lady? Their work would be to get in touch with organizers of dance parties in school fraternities, society club units and the like. Publicity, I think, can do much to ask woman not to wear immodest dresses, explaining the moral implications of such a practice; an appeal can be made to Catholic girls to exemplify modesty in dress.

"3. With regard to the Family Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, parish Catholic action groups may be asked to work for its propagation in the same way that they spread the enthronement of the Sacred Heart.

"4. May I request also that the campaign be not confined only to the month of May but for an indefinite period of time until the aim is attained?

"5. Another devotion which is very effective for the drive for peace is spreading the devotion of the first five consecutive Saturdays which may be found in some of the Fatima pamphlets being sold at our Catholic book stores.

In Memoriam

Doña AURORA A. DE QUEZON

"Pure and spotless must the victim be that the sacrifice may be acceptable." These words of Jose Rizal, naturally come to our minds in this hour of our national bereavement. For Doña Aurora, a victim of our fratricidal hatreds, is indeed a pure and spotless martyr.

Divine Providence, has willed to demand from our country the most precious life of our citizenry. Let us hope and pray, that this our great loss will serve the great purpose of opening the eyes and touching the hearts of all our nationals, that this fratricidal strife may be put to an end.

Doña Aurora, will be remembered by many noble deeds, but I like to believe that our posterity will consider that her appeal to the nation, through the Catholic Hierarchy, for a month of May dedicated to our Lady Mediatrix of all Graces, hallowed with prayers and penances, is her spiritual testament to her beloved country, and as such the most significant of her good deeds.

With the sacrifice of her life in the altar of her country, her appeal acquired a very poignant meaning. She had to die a martyr of our fratricidal strifes, for us to realize that we are facing a great national crisis, which demands from all of us, more prayers, more penances, and a new way of life, if this our beloved country of ours is to be saved.

SALVADOR ARANETA

Bishop Santos Rallies The Clergy.

"In the midst of all our present-day national and international catastrophes—the threat to our Holy Religion, the fear of another global war, the lack of peace, charity and goodwill among nations and peoples, and the utter lack of respect for the law and order—We cannot help but call again on you, through this Circular Letter, in order to rally for more prayers and sacrifices with which to offer atonement to Almighty God and bring down to earth His infinite blessings and graces.

"We can do this most effectively through Mary, our heavenly Mother.

"This month of May therefore, offers us a golden opportunity to rededicate ourselves to our Blessed Mother and storm Her maternal heart, with true faith and filial devotion, for Her powerful mediation before the throne of the Most High. We need Her protection very urgently. We are grateful for the innumerable signs of love and protection She has given us in the past, and we feel confident that the same will not be denied to us at the present time, if we would only ask them from Her.

"For this purpose, We ask you now to celebrate the whole month of May with your parishioners in honor of Mary. We suggest a special Novena to end on May 31st, feast of Our Lady Mediatrix of all graces, with general Holy Communions for children and adults. Then, too, the Queen of May would be glad to receive our family rosary devotion, our mortifications, sacrifices, and imitation of Her virtues, particularly her purity and obedience to superiors. We shall offer Her all these, and even other forms of devotion which you may deem proper, for the intentions mentioned above.

"May Mother Mary, the Queen of Peace and Mediatrix of all graces bless and preserve our Country from all evils.

Feati Radio Unit To Legion Of Mary

Feati Tech Radio Mobile Unit has been placed at the disposal of the Legion of Mary for the purpose of disseminating religious and cultural programs at different plazas and parks in Manila and neighboring communities.

This is another feature of the May devotions under the auspices of the laymen's committee.

Radio Rosaries Prayed Daily

Radio Rosaries are being prayed everyday over Station DZPI. Beginning with Mons. Santos, Auxiliary Bishop of Manila, the Rosary has been prayed every day by different Catholic personalities, among those are the following:

Mr. Andres Decipida, Dr. Salvador Araneta, G. Santos Espiritu, Miss Pilar Gonzales, Eusebio Gutierrez, Jose Erestein, Jose de los Santos, Antonio Ibert, Anastasio Tonga, Rafael Baltazar, Juan Villanueva, and Jose San-dejas.

Calling All Catholics!

To a Crusade of prayer and penance to heed the last appeal of Doña Aurora A. Quezon, a martyr of lawlessness.

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WE CATHOLICS BELIEVE:

That the Philippines has received and is receiving from Our Lady Mediatrix of all Graces many graces to which it is our duty to respond;

That the Blessed Virgin Mary is inviting the whole world to a life of prayer and penance, so that peace throughout the world may be truly attained,

THEREFORE, WE CATHOLICS MUST ACT

By joining every day during the month of May the Radio Family Rosary that will be broadcast over Station DZPI from 6:15 to 6:30 a.m.;

By performing daily acts of mortification and penance;

By attending the novena in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our respective parish churches,

By receiving the Blessed Sacrament on May 31st, the Feast of Our Lady of Mediatrix of all Graces, and by participating on that day in the diocesan consecration to Our Lady;

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EYEWITNESS STORY OF QUEZON AMBUSH TOLD BY CAPTURED HUK

REBEL CHIEF WAS UNABLE TO HALT FIRE

By GONZALO A. CUIZON

Special to the Chronicle

CABANATUAN, May 6.—The first member of the notorious Huk band of Quezon killers captured alive by the Constabulary yesterday revealed how Mrs. Aurora Quezon and her party could have escaped death had there been close liaison between the ambushers' outposts and Colonel Viernes, commander of the Huk force in the ambushade. Viernes was at the time, several hundred yards behind the outposts.

The captive, Pedro Manatan, Manatan estimated that there were around 200 well armed Huk force in the vicinity when the Quezon ambushade occurred. There were several civilian carriers who were being used as pack carriers and cooks. Those civilians were taken near barrio Calanan the previous night where they also collected rice and some cash.

Immediately after the ambush, the band proceeded eastward towards Rizal where half of the group staged another daylight hold-up on April 30, two days after the Quezon ambushade. The other half stayed in barrio Tamalo, several kilometers west of Calanan.

Manatan revealed that during the following days of intensive manhunt conducted by the government forces, the group which was left behind at Tamalo holed up in small creeks and dense undergrowth, eating nothing but wild roots and fruits.

Manatan stated that Col. Viernes was commiserating when he knew that the ambushade party included Mrs. Quezon. Several other Huk officers were angry with the outposts for firing at the party after hearing the shout of Mayor Bernardo.



FIRST QUEZON KILLER CAPTURED ALIVE—Pedro Manatan, 26, an escaped convict from Nueva Vizcaya, was the first member of the notorious band of Quezon killers ever captured alive since the immediate government crackdown which started about three years ago. He was captured yesterday among thousands in the Hongkong-Kong sector, where most of the Quezon killers are now being hoisted in the last week. With the usual and double standards, Manatan is now being used to enlighten and the secret life of his comrades.—(Chronicle Photo by H. A. Lopez)

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Letters

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WHO REALLY IS TO BLAME?

Five members of the House of Representatives are demanding in a resolution the resignation of Interior Secretary Sotero Baluyut and Brigadier General Alberto Ramos of the Constabulary. The reason is — they (the Secretary and the General) failed to restore and maintain peace and order thereby causing the ambuscade and killing of the Quezon family. From the context of the resolution, apparently, the ambuscade and murder of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and 11 members of her party is blamed on Secretary Baluyut and General Ramos. Now, addressing one's sense of fairness — Is this a justifiable accusation?

The death of the most beloved Lady of our country undoubtedly angered everyone who possesses innate sense of justice and natural abhorrence for lawlessness. They feel the brutality of the ambuscade and hate the treachery employed in the murder. They condemn the savagery of the misdeed and cry with pain for the contemptuousness of the sin. Yet, Mrs. Quezon's death and that of her 11 companions should be attributed to no fault of any individual public official, much less to any one who personally nourishes genuine esteem and affection for her, like Sec. Baluyut and Gen. Ramos, but only to those who perpetrated the most sinister of crimes.

Mrs. Quezon died, a victim of a foul and savage deed — savage deeds which ordinarily occur in cities refuted to be haven of civilization. How many murders of that kind take place in England? There are plenty, hence, Scotland Yard has always plenty to do. How many assassinations, brutalities, and other contemptible crimes occur almost daily in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, and other big and important cities in the United States, or in France, etc? Yet, do people ever say that there is no peace and order in England, America, or France? Do brother public officials and especially members of Congress ever demand on that account, the resignation of

any member of the Cabinet of such countries, or their President or Prime Minister? And why do we have to do it in the young Republic of the Philippines?

That there is a big number of lawless elements in our country is and should be an admitted fact. Likewise, that the problem is the concern of the whole governmental machinery should be admitted. There should be co-operation and coordinated action in solving the question among all public officers and functionaries.

If I may suggest, I should say that the primary cause of the lawlessness should be determined, so that once known, remedies thereof may be applied for by means of legislative action. For instance, let me ask. Did these lawless people or some of them become dissidents because they are discontented and unhappy and their grievances are not heeded to? If this is the cause of their being lawless, then Congress can surely do something to stop their state of discontentment. Or, do these people or some of them continue to be lawless because they cannot expect any more amelioration under our present penal system, so they had to stick to it? Or still another, do these people or some of them, continue to be lawless because they have no alternative but to be so? Or, are these people or some of them profess to be lawless because pursuing other doctrines of government and acting under pressure from foreign propagandists, they have undertaken to harrass the adherents of Democracies to gain followers and adherents of their own ideologies?

If anybody is to blame for the Bongabong massacre besides the perpetrators of the abominable crime, it is not only Secretary Baluyut or General Ramos who assumed their respective offices barely three months ago, but it should be the entire government machinery including Congressmen, for failure to give what it is due the people it is bound to serve.

—ARSENIO GONZALES



REQUIEM MASS—Representatives of the American Red Cross were among those who attended the requiem mass given by the Philippine National Red Cross in memory of the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, PNRG chairman, who died in an ambuscade last April 28 along the Bongabong-Baler highway. Photo shows Ernest Dunlap, American Red Cross Field Director for PHILCOM, tendering his condolence to Nini and Nonong Quezon, orphaned Quezon children. Left to right: Mrs. Manuel Lim, Justice Manuel Lim, Nonong Quezon, Nini Quezon, Miss Josephine Ryan, ARC social worker for the 10th Gen. Hospital, and Harold A. Kirk, ARC Field Director of the Veterans Administration.—(PNRC Photo)

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Bare Huk Ruse On Mt. Guiniat

Diversion Try Seen

Suicide Huk defenders of Mount Guiniat in Nueva Ecija seek to divert government attention from the main dissident force of 600 men which are fleeing the province, the Evening News correspondent in Cabanatuan reported today.

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 7 (ENS).—Constabulary troops under cover of field guns are closing in on the rooftop of Mt. Guiniat where Huk headquarters and an armory are reportedly located.

Observation planes yesterday reported that direct hits were scored by cannons on a Huk hide-out on Guiniat killing some 20 outlaws and forcing the survivors to abandon their lair.

The remaining Huk installations on Guiniat are under heavy shelling as troops of the 94th PC company under Capt. Tommy Misayah and of the 11th PC company under Capt. Lauro Margate prepared to close in on "softened" territory.

Retreating Huks, which include several women, have left trails of blood behind them as they carried away their casualties. With a strength of some 200 men the Huks are preparing a last stand atop their mountain stronghold.

The Huk force on Mt. Guiniat, according to military observers, is obviously on a mission of committing the bulk of government forces to the area in an effort to divert attention from the main outlaw body of some 600 men who are desperately trying to find an exit from the province.

This main outlaw group has reportedly divided itself into several units to facilitate movement. One unit was observed heading for Zaragoza, another towards the Pefaranda-Papaya sector while other small bands are lying low for an opportunity to swoop down on defenseless barrios to haul away a loot of food and supplies.

Constabulary commando bands have been dispatched to effectively meet the Huk strategy.

The present punitive campaign has been placed under the overall command of Lt. Col. Napoleon Valeriano. The designation of Valeriano has been radioed to all government forces in the field.—V

Mass Novena For Quezons Set

A requiem mass in honor of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, Miss Maria Aurora Quezon and Philip Buencamino, III, will be held at 9:45 a.m. tomorrow at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral.

Mass For Mrs. Quezon

A requiem mass will be offered by the Club de Damas de Manila for its late honorary president, Dña. Aurora A. Quezon, at the San Bede church, at 8 a.m. May 10.

By ISAGANI VALMONTE
WITH PC PUNITIVE TROOPS.

VIA CABANATUAN, N. E., May 7.—Twelve Huks were slain by a posse composed of PC and civilian guard troops when they surprised 20 dissidents along the banks of the Umiray river, Infanta, Quezon.

The engagement, which took place the other morning according to information received by the PC commander here, resulted in the possible death of others by drowning while trying to escape the fusillade from the government troops. A few were able to escape to the other side of the river, however, it was stated.

Infanta PC forces were reportedly ordered to check the smuggling of arms to Huks in the Umiray area. However, the Huks are believed to have transferred their headquarters somewhere else.

A group of seasoned Dumagat tribesmen led the PC to the lair of the Huks, supposed to have been used by the guerrillas of Bernard Anderson during the occupation. A cordon has been established around the area to forestall any more smuggling. Reports here also disclosed Huk Supremo Luis Taruc is hiding in the vicinity.

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The Jao Speaks

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STOP IT

ACHILLES L. AYALIN, Manila.—A cold-blooded and premeditated murder against the well-loved Quezon, Buencamino and San Agustin families, has just been perpetrated. The wanton knaves who perpetrated this unthinkable Nueva Ecija massacre deserve damnations. Our government, through its armed forces, should once and for all eradicate this kind of lawlessness so that the people will really feel that it really cares for the security of every human being, and to prove that it is strong and capable enough to safeguard our own homeland.

Ambusher



ONE OF MRS. QUEZON'S KILLERS CAUGHT.—Pedro Manantan, 26-year-old escapee from the Nueva Vizcaya provincial jail, was the first of the Quezon killers to be caught alive

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Doña Aurora's Bungalow

By Paciencia Torre-Guzman

Photos by Espinosa Studio, Baguio

THERE is one photograph we would have liked to include in this double spread feature of the Baguio residence of late Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon whose violent death lies heavy still in the hearts of a people who have grown to love and honor her as they did her husband. The picture we refer to is no less a portrait of Better Living than the best photograph of the most exquisite home. It is a candid shot of chubby, gurgling, curly-haired 15-months' old "Pongoy," as his young mother, Nini, calls Philip IV, kissing his grandmother. This photographed, when we saw it, occupied a choice place on Doña Aurora's dressing table.

To our mind, this picture best symbolized the tender yet strong bonds of love with which Doña Aurora drew the members of her family to her. Her success as a public figure side by side with her husband was only a reflection of her success as a mother of model children and as the hub of the family circle. Until her death last week, Doña Aurora was full of life and living and plans for country and home.

DOÑA AURORA'S Baguio home, constructed only recently to replace the one which was destroyed during the war, is not just another vacation home. In it are family heirlooms, prize furniture of pre-war vintage, dearly beloved family photographs. We could imagine what it would feel to live in a house like this where every piece of furniture has a story to tell. Only now, anything that they had to say would merely be so many silvers in the heart for those who have loved and respected the Lady

of the Manor.

The Quezon bungalow is of the patio-rancho type which cuts a gay, light-hearted silhouette in the sun. It is on Legarda Street, away from the din of carnival activity. This district we have grown to think of as the Santa Mesa Heights of Baguio.

The bungalow has been sensibly laid on level ground, not on terraced glades which makes coming and going a strictly huff-and-puff business. For all this sanity, the bungalow has not lost the advantages of a scenic view all around. There are the pine-covered hills at the back, the Burnham Bowl now turned carnivalistic, the city proper out front, and the beautiful establishments perched on distant ledges to right and left.

A white-balustraded open patio hugs the front part of the bungalow and provides hearty welcome to all callers. A bright garden parasol shades tables and chairs which are arranged most informally on the patio. Shining red floor reflects "Pongoy's" carriage and assorted playthings as well as blooming pots of *petunias*, roses, *mil flores*, and allied flora. This terrace has been the setting for many family snapshots taken by the late amateur photographer and newspaperman, Philip Buencamino III, the man "Pongoy" incoherently but lovingly referred to as "Da-da."

It would not be fair to leave the terrace without making mention of the natural mountain stones which have been set and mounted, much like pearls and amethysts, on the stone abutment of the fireplace and on the twin pillars ornately guarding the main doorway. Nini and Philip and "Pongoy"

who stuck to us at the terrace while our photographer messed it up, were now, relieved by Mrs. Quezon herself, who graciously helped set things aright in the living room before the camera bulbs flashed.

From the doorway, we beheld to our right the meticulously arranged main living room. Over by the window corner stands the grand piano complete with its embroidered Spanish mantilla, flowers, and a two-leafed frame holding a photograph of Doña Aurora as a young matron and a portrait of President Quezon in his young days.

THE fireplace looks incidental but very functional. It has been tucked in among the built-ins and proudly holds on its mantel shelf the towering sculptured image of the Sacred Heart. The built-ins in this instance was built out of a felt need. In this home of treasures and relics and souvenirs, built-ins are architectural surprise.

The living room furniture composed of four huge pieces struck us as something so rare as to be available these days. Mrs. Quezon explained that it was the very same set they had in the States. Here was a lesson in care and preservation: the royal blue brocade upholstery and the shining wooden arms and piping did look as if the set only came with the house.

The life-size studio portrait of the late President smiled down at us from its niche on the right wall as we passed by through the fabulous archway to the dining room.

In the dining room, Mrs. Quezon took pains to show us the painting of Philippine fruits, the only object salvaged from the burning

Pasay home at liberation time. It was saved, Mrs. Quezon told us, by a Swiss gentlemen who rolled up the painting in a bamboo tube and carried it with him all the way to Switzerland and then to the States to restore the painting to the Quezons.

A striking arrangement in the dining room is the bay window fitted with leather upholstered seats. At the center is the six-seat dining table built in the classic manner. All over the living and dining rooms are Igorot hand-carved objects, presents from grateful friends.

Mrs. Quezon took us to her bedroom to show us the well-planned altar occupying practically all of one wall. The "Lady of Fatima," which she had ordered made recently, reigned over her altar. On the night table beside her bed was a book about the "Lady of Fatima." Rooming with her was her grandson, his crib neatly arranged alongside Doña Aurora's bed.

The bungalow has three other rooms for the rest of the family and an efficient kitchen on the backside. The garage adjoins a corner of the terrace.

Even as we write this, the very day Doña Aurora and Baby and Philip were ambushed near Baler, the shock of their violent death is almost a physical pain. It was not so long ago that we were all out in that bungalow in Baguio, talking so freely and so intimately as if we were life-long friends. Now it makes one feel so insecure, so anchorless, so much like a puppet of fate. But life is like that: after the disgust at the violence, the grief at the death, one feels resigned and brave enough to go on dearly remembering and living. #

Better Living



Before her long illness, this California-style bungalow was retreat of Mrs. Aurora A. Cannon when the medical men at Santa Fe drove her to Laguna for few days of needed rest.



Beach umbrella, smooth floor and balustrade railing make wide terrace ideal for parties. Chrome furniture, potted plants add more color.



Photo left shows arch leads into dining room. At far end is bay window lined with upholstered chairs. The dining table seats six.



Picture of Laurel Harder provides one this corner of site. Price photos of Mr. and Mrs. Cannon in both views highlight room's decoration.

Exquisite of Della Anthony's work in San Geronimo plan. Lairs of Pullman porcelain under niche.

Portrait of a Gracious Lady

By Vicente B. Garcia



The years did not rob Mrs. Quezon of her charm and vitality as these pictures taken before her death and before her marriage demonstrate.



TODAY, only eight short days after the mortal remains of Mrs. Aurora Aragón Quezon had been gently laid to rest beside her husband in the family plot at the Cementerio del Norte, there are those of us who, lost once again in the routine of workaday existence, have quite forgotten the object lesson which her tragic death should have for us.

To those who were not fortunate enough to have known Mrs. Quezon personally, it is perhaps difficult to keep her memory alive, to take her passing as a deep personal loss. But to those who knew her, who looked on her as "the most revered woman in the Philippines," who mourn her passing as much as they mourn the death of the things she stood for—things like decency and compassion, usefulness and an abiding love for fellowmen—sorrow is a living thing. They mourn and remember...

There was nothing complex about Mrs. Quezon. As friends remember her, she was an exceedingly unaffected, incredibly humble person. There was neither pose nor sham about her, and she had little patience with those who put on airs.

A young woman, whose association with the Quezon dates as far back as her grade school friendship with Nini, likes to tell this story:

One late afternoon, after a hard and exhausting day, Mrs. Quezon decided to go up to her room and rest. She left explicit orders that under no circumstances should she be disturbed.

A few minutes later, an influential politician ranking high in government councils drove up in his low-numbered car and sought an audience with her. He was a very important person and the maid was understandably at a loss. Finally, she went up to Mrs. Quezon and asked whether she

would receive him. Mrs. Quezon said no, she was sorry, but could he please come at a later time?

Not long after the departure of the politician, a group of three or four barefooted farmers knocked at the back door and diffidently asked to see Mrs. Quezon. They had a serious problem, they told the maid, and Mrs. Quezon was the only person who could be of help.

The maid, remembering her orders dismissed them without further ado. They were leaving when they heard Mrs. Quezon's voice calling them back. She had heard them and come down, her weariness forgotten for the moment, to see what she could do. After a while, the farmers, faces alight and eyes shining with gratitude, left, their mission accomplished.

But this tale can be topped by another one, this time related by her one-time secretary at the Philippine National Red Cross where Mrs. Quezon held office as chairman of the PNRC board of governors.

A woman, 60 years old or thereabouts, walked in one day. Her plain cotton dress, run-down shoes and tired air all smacked of genteel poverty. On a slip of paper, she wrote her name and asked that it be brought to Mrs. Quezon.

At the time, the Red Cross was engaged in a fund-raising campaign and Mrs. Quezon was busily presiding over a conference. But she took one look at the slip, hurriedly excused herself and rushed out and warmly embraced the woman. It turned out that they had been classmates at the Philippine Normal School some 30 years before. Mrs. Quezon had not forgotten her lowly classmate.

AS the wife of the late President Quezon, it was the easiest thing for Mrs. Quezon to bask in the reflected glory cast by her famous spouse. More, she had the

opportunity and the excuse to assume snobbish airs, to discard, like so many pieces of old rag, such of her acquaintances as could not conceivably be of help to her. But she did nothing of the sort. Her friendliness and concern for the less fortunate among her friends grew even more marked.

If she made a fetish of helping the underprivileged and needy, it wasn't because a woman of her social position and prestige was expected to do so. There was, in fact, not the slightest tinge of condescension on her part. She did what she did out of genuine desire to be of service.

Why should an ailing woman, beginning to bend under the weight of her 61 years, shoulder so heavy and responsible a job as the chairmanship of the Red Cross board of governors? Assuredly not for the money. She was wealthy enough not to have any fiscal worries and, besides, her position did not draw any remuneration. Why, then, unless it was because she realized that with her experience, background and personal influence she could do good to thousands upon countless thousands of her countrymen?

That Mrs. Quezon's personality affected all those who had come in contact with her, is amply demonstrated in the case of Dr. Mercedes Grau-Santamaria, professor at the University of Santo Tomás, whose biography of Mrs. Quezon is soon to be published.

Writes Dr. Santamaria: "I can never forget the time when Mrs. Quezon granted me my first personal interview. She was dressed in grey-blue, a color which set to advantage the silvery tint of her wonderful hair... How grateful (Please turn to page 30)



In one of biggest turnouts yet seen 200,000 people joined funeral cortege or lined the streets to pay Mrs. Quezon last tribute.

Portrait of a Gracious Lady

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scious she was and how refined! The years, far from robbing her of her vitality, had merely made her more charming than ever. She had a youngness, a joyousness that time could not crush. And I basked in the soft warmth of her cordiality, content to watch the flash in her eyes and listen to the unusually fine timbre of her voice..."

That "fine voice" was seldom, if ever, known to rise in anger. It had a soft, musical quality about it. And character. When used in singing her restive grandson to sleep, it was soothing, tender; when addressing a massed audience, it instinctively commanded attention and drew respect; and when telling a creepy ghost story—a pastime Mrs. Quezon was partial to of a moonless, windy night—it took on a vividness that sent her young listeners cowering under blankets.

WHEN Mrs. Quezon smiled, her eyes crinkled up into a smile, too. And they would crinkle even more deeply when she spoke of the pranks of her children when they were kids. "Baby did this and that," she would say, or "Nini was such and such."

The reminiscent gleam, however, would give way to something suspiciously like moisture when the talk veered to her late husband and she started summoning her earliest memories of a hand-

some, brilliant law student who was 11 years her senior.

"He would take me on his lap," she would say, "and tell me fascinating stories about a big, walled city called Manila."

She would say, "It was he who financed my schooling at the Normal School, but it was a joke on him because illness prevented me from graduating."

The little matter of a Normal school degree bothered neither of them for very long, though, for Mrs. Quezon was to earn subsequently, on the merit of her distinguished achievements in various fields, three honorary doctorate degrees from three separate institutions: UST, PWU, and Marygrove College of Detroit, Michigan.

Always an avid reader, Mrs. Quezon, sometime in her teens, organized what she grandiosely called the Baler Reading Circle and Library—a small collection of books which she had painstakingly accumulated during her student years. The townspeople, at that time just beginning to learn the rudiments of English, were allowed free use of the library, and there must have been quite a scramble for them.

No doubt, the Baler library was among the first of its kind in the Philippines. It was probably on this basis that the entire collection was turned over to the Malacañan library in 1914. It was

not until more than 20 years later that Mrs. Quezon, as the wife of the first president of the Philippine Commonwealth, was to follow her books into the palace by the Pasig.

FROM the pretty, bright-eyed, book-hungry child of the sleepy town of Baler to the quietly competent First Lady at Malacañan, and on to the distinguished woman who met an unexpected death on a provincial highway, was a long, long journey that had more than its share of triumph and glory, gall and tragedy.

There were the wonderfully idyllic days when the dashing Senate President and the shy, former librarian promised to love, honor and obey each other at a ceremony performed at the American Consulate in Hongkong on December 14, 1918. There were the halcyon years when young Quezon's political star continued to rise; the bitterness and frustration when the couple's third daughter, Luisa Aragón, caught sick and died after a life of less than a year; the satisfying sense of fulfillment during their occupancy of Malacañan; the harrowing years of exile during the Occupation, climaxed by the feeling of irreparable loss when President Quezon passed away at Saranac Lake. There, too, were the bitter-sweet, challenging post-Liberation days when the bereaved family tried to recover their bearings in an unfamiliar land of smoke and rubble.

It was a long trail well worth travelling. ##

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Sunday, May 8, 1949

Large Group of Friends Attends Requiem Mass Said for Mrs. Quezon

A large group of friends and relatives of the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon attended the requiem mass offered in her memory yesterday morning at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral by the Philippine National Red Cross board of governors.

Mrs. Zenaida Quezon-Buencamino and Nonong Quezon, surviving members of the family, were present along with high government officials, foreign diplomats and hundred of others.

The mass started at 7:30 a.m., with Rev. Rufino J. Santos auxiliary bishop of Manila, officiating. Rev. Fr. Forbes J. Monaghan delivered the eulogy. After the mass, Nini and Nonong Quezon, Justice and Mrs. Manuel Lim and Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel A. Daza thanked those who attended. Lim and Daza are acting chairman and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the PNNRC board of governors.

Necrological services for Mrs. Quezon will be held tomorrow at the Malacañan social hall, from 8 to 9 p.m. President Quirino will deliver the principal eulogy, while the speakers will be Justice Lim and Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, president of the national federation of women's clubs. The rites, which are under the auspices of the Philippine National Red Cross will be broadcast on a nationwide radio hook-up.

PNRC Necrological Service On Monday For Late Mrs. Quezon

The board of governors of the Philippine National Red Cross will hold a necrological service for Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, the late chairman of the PNNRC. The service will be held at the social hall of Malacañan Palace on Monday evening, May 9, at 8 o'clock.

The complete program follows:

- I. "Death of Ase" by Grieg—Manila Symphony Conducted by Prof. Bernardino Custodio
- II. Prayer — Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vicente Fernandez Domestic Prelate to His Holiness
- III. "Elegy" by Massenet — Miss Juanita R. Javier, Lyric Soprano At the piano, Prof. Julio Esteban Anguita
- IV. Eulogy — Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda President National Federation of Women's Clubs
- V. Chorus

- VI. Eulogy—Dr. Manuel Lim Acting Chairman Philippine National Red Cross
- VII. "O Divine Redeemer" by Grouned — Miss Juanita R. Javier Lyric Soprano At the piano, Prof. Julio Esteban Anguita
- VIII. Eulogy—His Excellency President Elpidio Quirino
- IX. Response — Dr. Victor Buencamino
- X. "Liebestod" (From Tristan and Isolde) by Wagner — Manila Symphony Orchestra Conducted by Prof. Bernardino Custodio



IN MEMORY OF MRS. QUEZON—With Mrs. Nini Q. Buencamino and Nonong Quezon, only surviving members of the Quezon family present, a requiem mass was offered by the Philippine Red Cross for Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, its late chairman, in the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral yesterday morning. The two Quezon children, Nini and Nonong, are seen in the picture leaving the church with Dr. J. H. Yanzon, PNNRC manager. Directly behind them are Justice and Mrs. Manuel Lim.

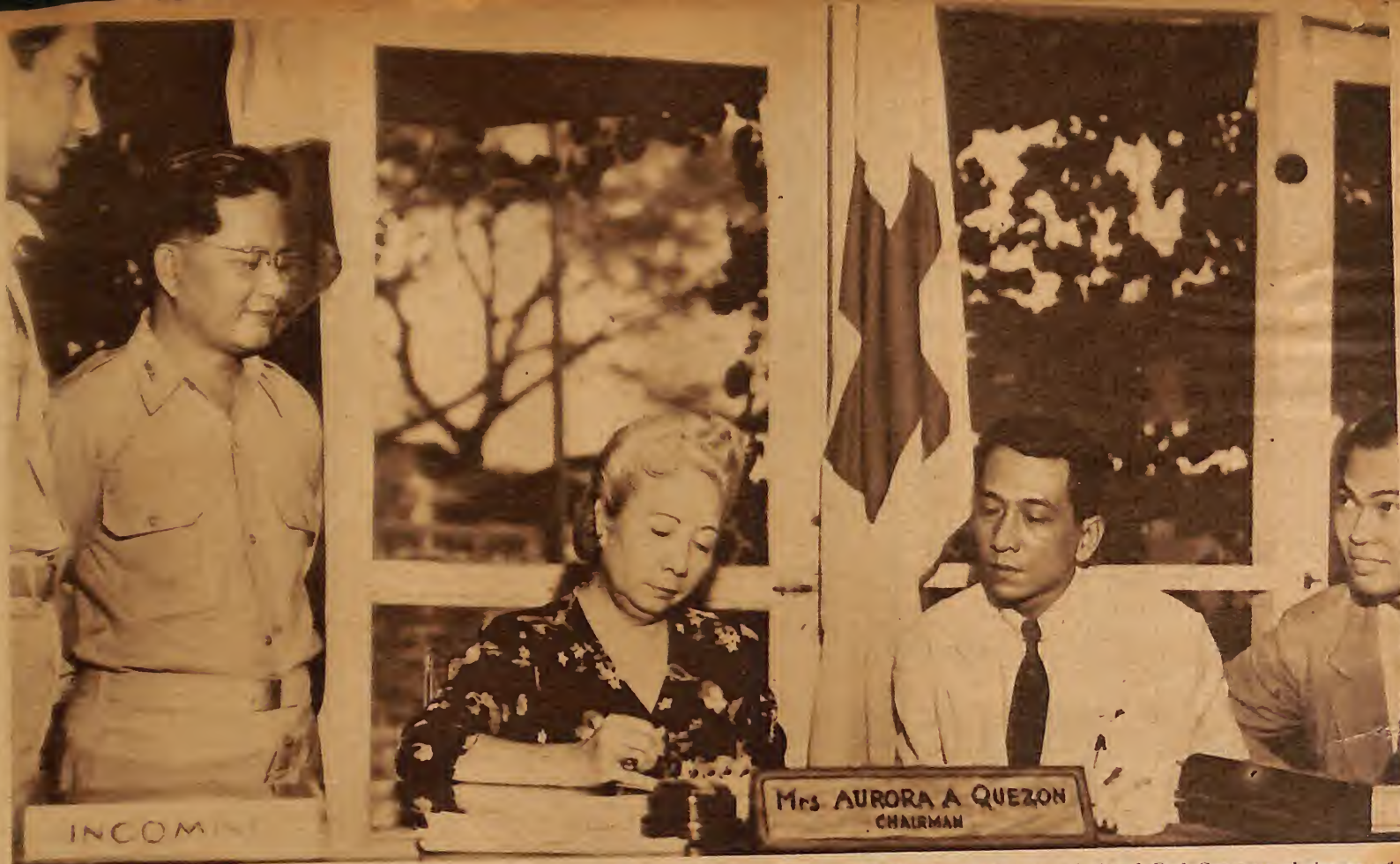
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MOTHER QUEZON
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WHILE she lived, Mrs. Aurora Quezon was active in social work. She had identified herself with the Philippine National Red Cross as chairman of its many fund raising campaigns.

MESSAGE TO THE MOUNTAINS

By YAY MARKING



SHE WAS wherever there was need for selfless service: among the teachers, nurses, the writers, the welfare workers, the lawyers and the doctors.

"TELL them I am Viernes."

Yes, you are Viernes. You are a little god with a great big gun on your hip. Originally you had a Cause with which few of us, considering ourselves decent, had quarrel; but you have grown bigger than your cause and now you are Viernes and you boast of woman-killing. Off and on there is drivel that "it was not the Huks." No, it very likely was not the Huks as an organization, but certainly it was some of the Huks in an organization running amuck for lack of leadership control. Definitely it was Viernes, so proudly claiming credit for his armed prowess...

Down here in the lethargic lowlands, Viernes, there is a moral and mental evasiveness which avers we didn't do it, you didn't do it, "they" did it... "they" indicating the imaginary margin for banditry. Thus we play politics with the devil. Thus we avoid saying anything nasty about the likes of you lest we ourselves get a bullet in the back. The word for this, of course, is cowardice, the language not having changed since the days the guerrillas scouted for and held the camps you now use. But a people can become only so afraid, Viernes, then no more; once the saturation point is reached, you will still be Viernes, yes, but the people will be The People.

Though we of small stature cannot answer for a nation, each human, in the name of humanity,

can answer for himself, and by that token I for me. You acclaim yourself one of the "little people"—the exploited tenant, the underpaid laborer, the nameless men and women in millions as against the unjustly favored few. As one of the "little people," you have spoken with blind and final hatred in the merciless murder of Mother Quezon, Baby, Philip, Bernardo, the others I may not have known personally but whose lives were equally precious. Nor have their human rights been more savagely denied, than the lives of men, women and children slain in bloody continuity through four years of pretended peace.

Think you, Viernes, that all the "little people" are you? How about me, and the millions like me? We have known labor in the fields, dishwashing in restaurants, the picking and packing of fruit. We are the little people, too, come earlier to maturity perhaps than you. Perhaps our fight for the same things is longer and harder but, God give us strength to keep it so, cleaner. We reason with ideas, not with bullets. Bullets are for defense against aggressors, not for our brothers, not for the few truly noble in an admittedly contemptible landlord class, certainly not for those hundreds of simple, ignorant, struggling workers men like you have killed as atrociously as your ambush of Mother Quezon and her party. For yours has hard-

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MESSAGE TO THE MOUNTAINS

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It proved itself a class war, Viernes. It's just a war, shooting blind, more for the establishment of your own ego than the cause of the workers. By what you have done for your own brutish satisfaction, you have lost most of the gains made by labor and peasant unions throughout the country. Inch by inch, "two steps forward, one step backward", they were getting somewhere. You have robbed them of gains... and what have you substituted? — the unremitting enmity, resistance active and passive, contempt of hundreds of thousands of people of which the "big shot" class is a small and not very admirable percentage. I, who never loved the tenant system, have nowhere to go now, for I hate the likes of you as much as the cacique and his usurious wife... Essentially you are the same kind, both of you abusing power, he the power of money, you the power of a gun. You're both ruthless, both cruel, both violently egoistic. I hope it gives you surprise to discover to whom you are blood-brother. I am even willing to admit, while claiming neither of you has the right, that you, Viernes, dispose of your victims swiftly while your landlord-brother in vicious inhumanity kills by a slower process.

In your ego, you naturally think you accomplished your ambush all by your little self. Never will you realize that the landlords and the tycoons are your real commanders, that it is less inconvenience to them to have you fighting and dying in the hills than driving them to their wits' end with strikes, court cases, fairer laws. And they do not weep too greatly nor at long length over Mother Quezon's death, for she was your friend more than theirs. Believe me, they are even pleased that you have made this horrible deed that finally gets the field action against you that they themselves have never been able to marshal. Where they lie, Mother Quezon knows this, Baby knows it, Philip knows it, and if the dead can weep, and this I wish I did not know, they weep for you. Hesitating on Nini's doorstep, fumbling for words of comfort, needing to receive as give it, I cannot find the kind word of explanation, I cannot tell her why this had to happen, why a maniac by the name of Viernes takes pride in slaughter, why the grieving is short-lived. For what you have done to Nini, which equals what you did to all the rest, I hate you. Believe me, you can never hate me as I hate you. And hating you, I bless the memory of Colonel Roberto Mata who hunted down and killed in a cornfield one of us who committed highway robbery; I cherish the memory of Colonel Leon Z. Cabalhin, who tried and executed a rapist; I am even humble before Marking whose headquarters was not only a guerrilla military school and hospital but also a reformatory where he personally by a combination of persuasion and force made his followers into "gentleman fighters or I'll break your goddam head." I might quarrel with his language but never with his results.

If Quezon were alive, he would rip down the fence, toss the sitters to their sides, talk votes with voters, say it with bullets to killers. For crime, corruption, for the distressing bad behavior found in the highest offices in the land, he would turn this our beloved country upside down to set it right again. And it would not have needed the death of Mother Quezon to pinpoint the raging of a civil war. Anybody's violent and unmerited death would have sufficed.

Who first fought for Social Justice? Who went to you under the burning Pampanga sun, through the Muñoz floods, to the farthest outposts to see you, hear you, help you? Who had long conferences with that other great man, Pedro Abad Santos, and for hours stood before a hundred thousand of you at a time in simple, honest debate? It was neither politics nor patience; it was for love of you.

He knew about the creek dammed by a rich man to make a fishpond at the expense of living water for hundreds of your families along the dried waterway... He knew about the cacique's usurious wife and the 10-centavo bottle of mercurochrome she debitted against you for P2.00. He knew how insufficient your share of the crops and, too, how barren the earth for so many mouths... I know he knew, for he allowed me to study reports meant only for him and his Cabinet and to study them only under Vargas' watchful eye lest I make off with one he would himself study further; many times I studied until 11 o'clock or midnight in Vargas' Malacanan office. And who was I? — just a cub reporter, for a long time with more of a haircut than a name, yet even I could ask this great man questions, even I could quench the thirst for knowledge with a President's secretary my librarian.

None of us was too humble for his attention, neither you nor I. As he helped an ignorant, eager girl, so did he valiantly help you. He knew that what you wanted, the familiar but barren land under your feet, was at best an empty heritage, so he pointed you to new land, to virgin land, and he loaned you the money to go, gave you NLSA supervision, focused national interest on you. Do you think the landlords were happy to have him ease you out of your bondage? He stood strong and alone in his humanity, and for this you slew his family. Your own revered Pedro Abad Santos would cry out against your savagery. Wherever the gentle old bachelor lies in his hero's grave surely his heart must ache for his political children who have become what?

All through a great President's years of service, Mother Quezon helped her husband and in that capacity was our first, and last, Lady of the Land. Wherever there were those in service to country, she was there, not in self-glorification but in assistance to him and to them... among the teachers, the nurses, the writers, the welfare workers, the lawyers,



AT THE memorial rites held in honor of her late husband, she occupied the same stage with President Elpidio Quirino and Senator Jose Avelino.



SHE read most of the speeches she had to deliver in the course of her work, but she was eloquent in Tagalog. Above, Mrs. Pilar Hidalgo Lin and Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo form part of her audience.

the doctors... and among the factory workers rolling cigars by hand, the students timidly choosing a walk of life, the mothers in the puericulture centers, the workers who had built the bridge... ever among the poor, to whom she gave her life, only to have it taken by force.

Baby was the girl who should have been a boy. For her who is dead and cannot herself ask, in what way did Baby harm you? — by blasting public indifference toward the lepers' misery? sweating for funds for the Ylac slum schools? cramming law into her head, the better to carry on her father's work? a fragile body, driven by an untiring spirit? Baby's sharp tongue and cutting wit were only for us injured to it, understanding and loving her for it. Never did she jab at you, to whom she was fiercely loyal. It is even possible that she was a friend to me because she considered me one of you. "Hi," she would say, "How's Yay the Underprivileged? Madrigal still overworking and underfeeding you?" And if I mourned my financial state, she would jibe, "Don't be stupid! Strike!" Though the years, I was grateful for her frankness, for her rough, un pitying, challenging friendship, for her equality and because once, when we quarrelled, and she stamped her foot and I stalked out in anger, when I reached the office she was on the telephone to apologize...

Philip, too, is dead. What dramatic irony that you butchered him. For Philip and Baby were your open door to a half-million hectares of free, virgin land... Only one other person knows what Baby and Philip knew — that

there was a place for you to go, land for you, a new start. That person is Judge Barrera. He knows. Ask him.

It started in the time of President Roxas, the time when people, despite atrocities, gave you the benefit of the doubt. They could not see what Roxas saw then, that the language you understand is the language of violence. They had no quarrel with your cause, and only a doubt as to your methods. Fatuously they thought that secretly siphoning you out of congested areas, spiriting you away under the noses of the soldiers, leaving them with nothing to fight and thereby saving their lives too, would rescue you from the circumstances of injustice and hunger which justified your desperate rebellion.

It was so agreed. Baby and Philip would let you know if and when... I would point where. All your problems were being considered — food, tools, instruction, tree medicine, schools, markets for your produce, immunity from the past...

It is your friends you have killed, your friends more than mine, more than anybody's. You snatched a necklace, and lost a loving heart. You tore a jewel from the one ear in the Philippines that would still listen to you. You poured bullets into frail Baby at the dawn of a legal career for the underprivileged. You mowed down a man who called out to you, not for himself but those who defended you where you could not defend yourselves. There is little loss in hating you: you cannot do worse to your enemies than you have done to your friends.—j

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The youth in the photo, Pedro Panantan, 26, of Pozorrubio, Pangasinan, allegedly confessed he took part in the tragic ambush of Mrs. Quezon and her party late last month. He was arrested by PC operatives in barrio Sta. Barbara, San Jose, Nueva Ecija. Note chained wrists and legs as insurance against his getaway.

La Salle Requiem Mass For Quezon Tomorrow

The board of directors of the La Salle Alumni Association will sponsor a requiem mass for the souls of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, Baby Quezon and Philip Buencamino III tomorrow, Monday, at 8 o'clock a.m. at the college chapel.

All friends and relatives of the deceased are invited to attend. The late Buencamino III finished his high school course from the La Salle College.

10 Huks Killed As Joint Force Combs Sierras

Member Of Ambush Captured, Confesses— 8 Victims Rescued

(Photo on page 14)
Special to The MANILA TIMES
SOMEWHERE IN NUEVA ECIIJA, May 7.—Ten Huks were mowed down with gunfire and killed along the banks of the Umiray river by a joint PC-civilian guard force combating the Bongabon-Baler border Thursday, a belated report received here stated.

The government troops intercepted a band of 20 Huks as it tried to cross the Umiray river. Ten were verified killed following close-range firing. The rest of the group, shedding their clothes and in spite of their wounds, swam across the river to the opposite bank and melted in to the dense undergrowth.

Intelligence reports received in Infanta, Quezon, said that the dissidents had cached a quantity of arms and ammunition somewhere in Quezon which, according to the same report, were landed by submarine. Efforts to plot the location of the cache of arms have so far proved fruitless.

Meanwhile, it is believed that the dissidents have moved their headquarters from the Sierra Madre mountains on the Quezon side shortly after the massacre of Mrs. Quezon and 11 other members of her party.

A group of Dumagat natives who know the terrain in Infanta have been guiding government troops in the location of hide-outs. The Umiray river area served as headquarters for the Anderson guerrillas that saw action during the occupation.

While efforts to locate the dissident hideout have so far been in vain, the entire Umiray area has virtually been marked "off-limits," with government forces on a constant patrol of the surroundings. Intelligence officers have not given up hopes of locating the cache and believe that some Huk runner might one of these days try to scout about the area to see if the stores can be safely recovered.

Another report states that Luis M. Taruc, Huk supremo, is in hiding somewhere near Mt. Susong Daga which is part of the Sierra Madre range.

Intensified government operations in different areas in Nueva Ecija have been coupled with a revitalized counter-intelligence system by state forces in an attempt to account for the ambush group that brought tragedy to Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and 11 members of her party late last month.

First to fall in the PC dragnet was Pedro Panantan, 26, of Pozorrubio, Pangasinan who was apprehended by operatives at barrio Sta. Barbara, San Jose, Nueva Ecija Wednesday. The bedraggled-looking youth allegedly admitted participation in the Quezon ambush. A tattoo in his right arm reads: "Money or life."

Under PC custody at present, Panantan is being used by the PC to guide the constabulary to Huk

hide-outs.

Another Huk being used as an informer is Commander "Stalin" who is attached as undercover man for the 87th PC Company in Dinalupihan, Bataan.

While PC combat troops are busy in the quest of the Quezon ambush group, other bands of dissidents have taken advantage of the absence of PC forces in other areas and pounce on defenseless communities.

At 9:30 Thursday night, a Huk band entered barrio Kalickid Este, near the landing field in the outskirts of Cabanatuan. All male inhabitants of the barrio were lined up in Japanese fashion in a clearing while the rest of the dissidents entered the houses and carted away food stocks, clothes, and jewelry. After the village was looted, the band proceeded in the direction of barrio Tabuating, Sta. Rosa.

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CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 7.—Pedro Ramos, barrio lieutenant of Tabuating, San Leonardo, and four others were kidnaped by an unidentified armed group of men at 11 o'clock last night, according to Santos Bernaldo, chief of the telephone department in this province.

Ramos, who made inquiries about the five men at PC headquarters, said Ramos' kidnapers were riding in a jeep. The whereabouts of the five men is unknown.

Meanwhile, police investigation on the shell explosion in Aliaga this morning which killed a boy and seriously injured three others revealed the shell was probably left by PC troops who shelled a Huk concentration last night.



Mrs. Quezon left the first-floor sala (above) rug. Piano and Amorsolo painting of the deceased and her sister Nini command the room.

Bereaved Home

The Quezon house on Gilmore Avenue is hushed in grief

NOWHERE may one find a keener and more profound concern over the sudden death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon than in her own home at Gilmore Ave. — now draped with quiet while the remaining members of her household accept their lot in silence. Occupied by the Quezons after their return from the States, the house has seen many a change. In these photos one finds testimony of the simple, quiet life that its occupants led. Mrs. Quezon used to have her room on the second floor but finding that she was suffering from a weak heart, she moved to another room on the first floor, bringing with her the large portrait of her late husband (photo on right).

This room gives further evidence of the pious life that she led. On a bed, immediately after the massacre, a book, "Our Lady of Light," was found, presumably because she had been reading it until she left for the fateful trip to Baler. Because their grief may only be helped but not forgotten, Nini and Nonong Quezon expect to have a few of their relatives with them in the future. The former atmosphere of the Quezon house at Gilmore may not again be recaptured: the bereaved ones may only look forward now to finding solace among the things that remind them, as nothing else can of a simple happy life with the departed ones.



Doña Aurora's receiving room, also a beneficiary of Baby's versatile handiwork, was not complete without the late President's portrait, in prominent part of room.

Prayer and flowers were daily ritual in the Quezon home



Images of the Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, Saint Theresa and Saint Veronica occupy sides of the altar, where masses were often said and before which the Lady prayed.



A portion of her room shows a number of books she kept, largely a collection of religious classics. Wardrobe in background contains some of Baby's dresses which would go to the poor.



Under framed portrait of her late husband, Doña Aurora—following vow—offered flowers in large and small bouquets. The ritual was followed with fresh floral offerings each day.



Image of the Crucifixion, under which Mrs. Quezon also placed daily bouquets, stands on one side of the altar. Before and after bedtime, she said long prayers before this image.

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PC Rounds Up NE Suspects

Officials Flee Licab As Garrison Leaves

Special to The MANILA TIMES
CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 8.—Further intensifying intelligence work in connection with the Quezon ambush, Lt. Fidel Amante, assistant intelligence and investigation officer of the Nueva Ecija command, early yesterday morning picked up six men of barrio Sicsican, Talavera, suspected of having given aid to Huks.

Those picked up are at present detained for questioning. It was also gathered intelligence officers are looking for relatives of identified commanders of the group which ambushed Mrs. Quezon and her party late last month to check up the possibility that jewelry and other valuables taken from victims might have been turned over to them.

Five other suspects taken in the other night at barrio Tabuating, San Leonardo were released yesterday after they were screened.

Board Member Sixto Lustre lauded the members of the Nenita Unit for the human treatment accorded to the five suspects during the investigation and for promptly releasing the five when found to be law-abiding citizens.

The Nenita Unit last night gave the "fire treatment" to Huk-infested areas of barrio Rajal, Sta. Rosa with machinegun and mortar fire. With barrio La Fuente as springboard, Nenita armored columns fanned out in a three-pronged drive with a Huk concentration as the objective.

The town officials and prominent residents of Licab yesterday afternoon fled to other places for their safety following the withdrawal of the PC detachment stationed there.

This was the story brought here last night by Licab Police Chief Antonio Gorospe. He conferred with Board Member Lustre who was acting governor in the absence of Gov. Juan O. Chloco, and apprised him of the situation in his town.

Gorospe reported Municipal Treasurer Sotero Garcia fled to Talavera bringing with him the town's funds for safe-keeping. The town vice-mayor and councilors likewise sought haven in the neighboring towns. The mayor's wife and three policemen moved to Quezon town. Mayor Honorato Viardo left for

Manila Wednesday to get firearms from the department of the interior. He needed the arms to equip a force of civilian guards he is organizing to ward off Huk attacks in his town.

Board Member Lustre promptly made representations with Lt. Col. Angel Magallanes, provincial commander, to assign another PC detachment in Licab. It was gathered Lt. Alejandro Agustin withdrew his detachment from Licab as per schedule and that a unit of the 92nd PC Company would relieve him. For some reason, however, the replacement from Baler must have been delayed.

Quezon Services At Palace Today

President Quirino leads the nation today in honoring the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, PNRC chairman, in necrological services at 8 to 9 tonight at the Malacañan social hall.

The chief magistrate will deliver the principal eulogy with Dr. Manuel Lim, acting PNRC chairman, and Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, National Federation of Women's Clubs president as the other speakers.

President Quirino will arrive sometime today by plane from Baguio with the cabinet members. High government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, social and civic leaders, and others are expected to attend the necrological services. Nini and Nonong Quezon, lone survivors of the Quezon family, will also be present at the ceremonies.

Tonight's rites, sponsored by the PNRC board of governors, will be broadcast by remote control over a nation-wide hookup through the combined facilities of stations DZFM, DZRH, DZPI, DZMB and DZAB, while movie studio LVN and Movie Ted will take reels of the proceedings.

Included in the necrological ceremony is a solemn musical program featuring Juanita R. Javier, famed lyric soprano, who will sing "Elegy" by Massenet and "O Divine Redeemer" by Gounod. She will be accompanied on the piano by Professor Julio Esteban Anguita. Chorus "Dies Ire" and "Lacrimosa" from the Requiem Mass by Mozart will also be rendered by the Amihan Musical Society and Manila Chamber Music with the accompaniment by the Manila Symphony Orchestra. The Manila Symphony Orchestra will play before and after the program. Dr. Victor Buencamino will give the response on behalf of the survivors of the Quezon family.

The numbers on the program are as follows: "Death of Ase" by Grieg to be played by the Manila Symphony Orchestra conducted by Prof. Bernardino Custodio; prayer by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vicente Fernandez, Domestic Prelate of His Holiness; "Elegy" by Massenet to be sang by Juanita R. Javier, Lyric soprano, who will be accompanied on the piano by Prof. Julio Esteban Anguita; eulogy by Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, PNRC president; chorus "Dies Ire" and "Lacrimosa" from the Requiem Mass by Mozart by the Amihan Musical Society and Manila Chamber Music, accompanied by the Manila Symphony Orchestra; eulogy by Dr. Manuel Lim, acting PNRC chairman; "O Divine Redeemer" by Gounod to be sang by Juanita R. Javier; eulogy by President Elpidio Quirino; response on behalf of the Quezon family by Dr. Victor Buencamino; and "Liebestod" from Tristan and Isolde by Wagner to be played by the Manila Symphony Orchestra.

We, The People

(Views expressed by writers in the column, are their own and do not necessarily reflect those of the Manila Times. Due to space requirements, contributors are advised to limit their letters to not more than 200 words. Letters should bear the real names and addresses of the writers, but they may be withheld from publication at their own request.)

Deceitful Propaganda

In a recent fireside chat, President Quirino announced that one of his achievements in the first year of his administration was restoration of peace and order throughout the country.

Maj. Gen. Mariano Castañeda in a statement he made upon his assumption to office as army chief of staff boasted that the Huks had been annihilated.

The brutal massacre of Mrs. Quezon and party belies the statements of the President and the army chief of staff. The people must condemn such false representations made by the administration to the public.

I hope Congress demand an investigation of President Quirino's and General Castañeda's statements and why they were made amidst disturbed conditions in Central Luzon.—AUGUSTO DEL ROSARIO, 18 Int. Legarda, Sampaloc, Manila.

Careful

A combined AFP-PC punitive force, including tanks, planes, and other deadly instruments of war, has started an all-out offensive to rout the murderers of Mrs. Quezon, her daughter "Baby," and 10 other innocent people of her party. While there can be no question that the killers should be tracked down until the last perpetrator of the horrible crime is accounted for, let us aim these tanks and planes and machineguns carefully. It is not quite uncommon that on many occasions our government forces have subjected the people of Central Luzon to a bloody ordeal perhaps to avenge the failure of their assigned tasks to restore peace and order. The forces of the law may find it very easy to revenge an innocent, and seemingly uncooperative people who are so because of fear. Too, they can burn their houses and machinegun their children. But that would not be a wise course to follow.

Let us realize that once a series of violent acts is started on innocent and mute people, there can be no end to lawlessness. As one intelligent officer of the law said, "violence begets violence."—GONZALO C. GALANG, Apalit, Pampanga.

Requiem Mass For Mrs. Quezon

Hundreds of people including high government officials, foreign diplomats, social and civic leaders, and business executives, converged at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral Saturday morning to attend the requiem mass, sponsored by the Philippine National Red Cross board of governors, in memory of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, late PNRC chairman, who died in the ambushcade last April 28 along the Bongabong-Baler highway. Nini and Nonong Quezon, lone survivors of the Quezon family, also attended the mass.

The requiem mass started at 7:30 with the Most Rev. Rufino J. Santos, D.D. Auxiliary Bishop of Manila, officiating. Rev. Fr. Forbes J. Monaghan, S.J. delivered the eulogy. After the mass Nini and Nonong Quezon, Justice and Mrs. Manuel Lim, and Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel A. Daza acknowledged those who attended with gratitude.

With Gov't Troops Hunting Huk Ambushers



OUTLAW HUNT IN THE SIERRAS. Top, left photo shows government troops resting before resuming march in the mountains. Maj. Mariano Escalona, commander of expedition to Marikit, gives last-minute instructions on strategy in case of contact with Huks. Top, right photo, chow time, with residents of a neighboring settlement bringing food to government troops despite prohibition against foraging and accepting

food from civilians. Bottom, left photo, government troops exploring known Huk territory somewhere in the mountains to the east of Pantabangan. Bottom, right photo shows part of wild country covered by government troops in sweeps through Sierra Madre in quest of ambushers of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and members of her party.

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By JAMES G. WINGO

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Since the end of the war the US press has been publishing nearly every day dispatches and special articles reporting civil warfare, banditry or wanton shootings in the Philippines. The total effect of these stories has been to give the average newspaper reader the impression that the Philippines sadly lacks peace and order and that the government of the independent republic appears unable to place lawless elements under control.

This impression may be wrong, but it is the general Philippine picture that has been created in recent years in the American mind. If previously there was any doubt in the American mind about lack of peace and order, the great tragedy—perhaps the greatest in postwar Philippines—that has recently come to the country has wiped out that doubt.

The senseless killing of Mrs. Manuel Quezon and her daughter, who were both well known in the United States, and several others was a severe shock to the American people. President Truman's immediate comment—"awful terrible"—when he was first informed of the tragedy expresses correctly the reaction of the people of this country.

The news came too late for the morning newspapers, but most people going to work heard it over the radio before leaving their homes. The late morning and early afternoon papers in the large Eastern cities carried banner headlines of the Quezon deaths.

The killing was the one story emanating from the Philippines since the war that was talked about by people in the streets. Not even the death of President Quezon himself, I understand, aroused more sympathy for the Philippines and her people than this later tragedy that has fallen upon half of the family surviving him.

The sad news needed no editorial comment. The moral or lesson was too obvious. Forty-eight hours after the news was received in the US, only two of the large city newspapers in the East found it appropriate to say something editorially about the tragedy. There really was nothing much one could say.

The Baltimore Sun hastened, in an editorial entitled "The Filipinos Have Come Far Since the Occupation," to assure its readers that the tragedy "appears to be an isolated crime and is not indicative of serious dissension that might serve to retard Philippine recovery." Until this episode, "there have been striking evidences of the willingness of the Filipino people to accept responsibility and prepare for the day shortly when funds from the United States will cease to flow in and the country will have to stand on its own feet," said the Sun.

It recalled reports that the Philippine Government had balanced its budget, that several major industries were back to prewar level, that 1948 exports were valued at \$320 million (as compared to 1947's \$265 million) and that elementary schools had 3.8 million pupils (double the prewar enrollment). The Sun concluded reassuringly: "Shocking as is the murder of the family of a former President and national hero, the incident should not lead those unfamiliar with the situation to jump to the conclusion that the new republic is in a state of anarchy."

The New York Times came much nearer to expressing the American people's feelings than the Baltimore paper. In its editorial, "Philippine Outrage," it greeted the ambush-murder of Mrs. Quezon and companions "with grief, horror and disappointment."

The Times grieved for losing "some good friends." Its horror stemmed from "the senseless depravity of this sort of outrage." It could not see any "conceivably sane motive" for the slaughter. If there were any reason other than robbery, the Times surmised "It could have been only the desire to strike terror by the most wanton and ruthless destruction."

The Times' disappointment arose "from this blow to our high hopes that law and order had been fully restored in the Philippines." It expressed the hope for an early end of a cruel war's lawless aftermath.

Despite President Quirino's first-reaction doubt that the Hukbalahaps could not have killed Mrs. Quezon because she was so much loved by them, they were played up even in the earliest stories. Subsequent reports stating that Hukbalahaps had been identified as slayers of Mrs. Quezon and 11 others caused the loss of the last shred of non-communist sympathy for the Huks in the US.

Americans are confident that the Filipino people will not allow the lives of Mrs. Quezon and others to have been sacrificed in vain. They see this tragedy, which President Quirino's political enemies may attempt to use against his administration by pointing to it as another indication of an alleged inability of the Government to maintain law and order, as a likely turning point in the long fight against lawless elements. They believe that the people fully support him in the all-out war he has begun against those defying the law of the republic. He certainly has the best wishes of the American people in his campaign, the outcome of which may make or break his administration and his own political future.

close range during their stay in Washington after their escape from the Philippines will never forget their devotion to their country's cause and to each other. Knowing how ill President Quezon was, Mrs. Quezon saw to it that her children so acted always that they would cause him not the least worry or anxiety. That President Quezon lasted as long as he did after his nearly fatal illness on Corregidor was due in a large measure to the tender care he received from his family.

Mrs. Quezon and her children were always near the President. Giving up almost any sort of a good time for themselves, the Quezon womenfolk organized Washington Filipino women and their American friends to do Red Cross work regularly. Manuel Jr. ("Nonong") attended school and made excellent grades, to the great pride of his father.

Before leaving the Philippines in 1947, I went to bid goodby to Mrs. Quezon. When I asked her whether I could do some chores for her in Washington, she told me to convey her best wishes to a large number of people, mostly the little people with whom she had been associated in wartime Red Cross work. When she heard Maria Aurora upbraiding me for not having visited them more often, she kindly told "Baby" that she knew I had been tied down by my official duties.

The great Filipino heroine is Maria Clara. But this admirable fictional character, glorified in song and legend, does not hold a candle to Aurora Aragon Quezon, the woman whose life, love, sufferings, triumphs and death have immeasurably enriched the patriotic tradition of her country.

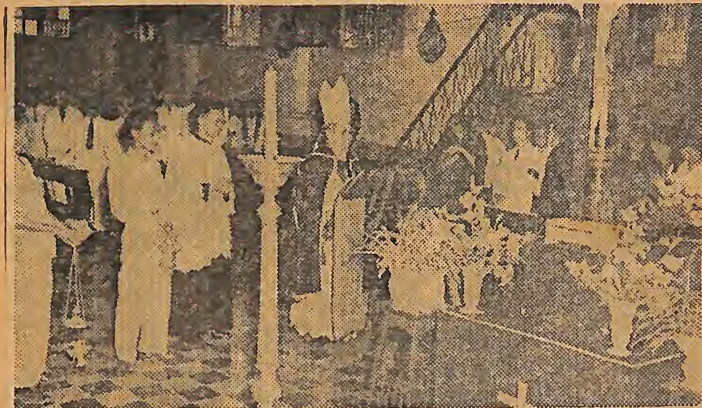
In due time history will give her proper place among the all-time greats of the Philippines. The glory that was hers was not all reflection from the great political star that rose from Baler and burned out four years and nine months ago and in whose honored and beloved memory she was making a pilgrimage to the old hometown when she was mercilessly mowed down. History will make known that many of those times Manuel Quezon faltered, it was the great woman by his side who furnished him the courage and the faith to carry on his good fight to a glorious conclusion.

Because of her striking physical and temperamental resemblance to her father, "Baby" was the national favorite to perpetuate the Quezon tradition. Early in life she demonstrated an intense consciousness and great pride in her Filipino nationality. How far she would have gone had tragic fate not caught up with her in that pilgrimage to Baler, her people would never know now.

I first met Felipe Buencamino III in battered Manila early in 1945. He joined our Office of War Information and did splendid work as a reporter for our wartime paper *Free Philippines*. He and I became very good friends. He had become one of the most promising young men of the country when he was slain on the pilgrimage to the birthplace of his father-in-law, of whom he was a great admirer long before he was married to Maria Zenaida ("Nini") Quezon. He always had a nice word for every instalment of *The Last Days of Manuel Quezon* which I wrote

for the *Philippines Free Press*.

Preparing for priesthood, "Nonong" will likely be able to bear the tragedy better than his sister, who, in one blow, lost mother, sister and husband. Rarely does such great loss come at one time to one so young.



REQUIEM MASS in memory of the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, sponsored by the PNRC Board of Governors, held at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral Saturday morning was attended by prominent persons including the high government officials and foreign diplomats. Shown above are Most Rev. Rufino J. Santos, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Manila, who officiated at the mass, foreign diplomats, and Nini and Nonong Quezon, lone survivors of the Quezon family. (PNRC Photo)

Malacanan Rites For Mrs. Quezon Tonight To Be Broadcast, Filmed

President Quirino leads the nation today in honoring the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, PNRC chairman, in necrological services at 8 to 9 p.m. at the Malacañan social hall. The President will deliver the principal eulogy. Dr. Manuel Lim, acting PNRC chairman, and Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, National Federation of Women's Clubs president, will be the other speakers. Quirino arrived today by plane from Baguio with the cabinet members.

High government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, social and civic leaders, and others are expected to attend the necrological services. Nini and Nonong Quezon, lone survivors of the Quezon family, will also be present at the ceremonies.

Tonight's rites, sponsored by the PNRC board of governors, will be broadcast by remote control over a nation-wide hookup through the combined facilities of stations DZFM, DZRH, DZPI, DZMB, and DZAB, while movie studio LVN and Movie-Tec take reels of the proceedings.

Included in the necrological ceremony is a solemn musical program featuring Juanita R. Javier, famed lyric soprano, who will sing "Elegy" by Massenet and "O Divine Redeemer" by Gounod. She will be accompanied on the piano

by Professor Julio Esteban Anguita. Chorus "Dies Ire" and "Lacrimosa" from the Requiem Mass by Mozart will also be rendered by the Amihan Musical society and Manila Chamber Music with the accompaniment by the Manila Symphony orchestra. The Manila Symphony orchestra will play before and after the program. Dr. Victor Buencamino will give the response on behalf of the survivors of the Quezon family.

The numbers on the program are as follows: "Death of Ase" by Grieg to be played by the Manila Symphony orchestra conducted by Prof. Bernardino Custodio; prayer by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vicente Fernandez, Domestic Prelate of His Holiness; "Elegy" by Massenet to be sung by Juanita R. Javier, lyric soprano, who will be accompanied on the piano by Prof. Julio Esteban Anguita; eulogy by Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, NFWC president; chorus "Dies Ire" and "Lacrimosa" from the Requiem Mass by Mozart by the Amihan Musical society and Manila Chamber Music, accompanied by the Manila Symphony orchestra; eulogy by Dr. Manuel Lim, acting PNRC chairman; "O Divine Redeemer" by Gounod to be sung by Juanita R. Javier; eulogy by President Elpidio Quirino; response on behalf of the Quezon family by Dr. Victor Buencamino; and "Liebestod" from Tristan and Isolde by Wagner to be played by the Manila Symphony orchestra.

Mass For Bernardo

Mass will be said for the repose of the soul of the late Mayor Ponciano A. Bernardo on May 11, at eight o'clock in the morning at the Kamuning Parish church on 9th street, corner H. Avenue.

The Capital City Planning commission is offering the mass.

PC Intelligence Agents Pick Up Huk Suspects

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 9 (ENS).—All government forces fighting against Huk mountain positions were withdrawn today by Col. Napoleón Valeriano, head of the punitive force against the killers of Mrs. Aurora Quezon.

It was held that objectives had been attained, with Huk remnants having escaped shellfire to the lowlands. Troops were ordered to return to their respective headquarters for a short rest before launching attack on Huk positions in the lowlands.—V.

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 9 (ENS).—There has been a lull in fighting in the Bongabon-Baler area indicating a regrouping of government forces preparatory to launching another phase of the punitive operations against the Huk murderers of Mrs. Quezon.

Meanwhile, intelligence activities of the constabulary have been intensified, aimed at getting a clear picture of Huk positions and of the reported dispersal of the ambush gang out into the plains losing themselves among the rural folk. No confirmation of this latter report is available but suspected Huk agents have been picked up by constabulary agents in the lowlands for intensive questioning.

Lt. Fidel Amante, assistant intelligence and investigation officer, and his men picked up six persons at barrio Sicsican, Talavera Saturday suspected of aiding Huks.

Another group of five Huk sus-

pects was taken into custody by the Nenita Unit at barrio Tabuating, San Leonardo, but were released after being grilled. The Nenita unit is headed by the famed officer, Lt. Col. Napoleon Valeriano. Board Member Sixto Lustre commented favorably on the fair treatment which the investigated persons received from the constabulary.

The five San Leonardo suspects gave their names as Lope Catacutan, Flaviano Ortiz, Carlos Francisco, and Pedro Ramos.

The town of Licab, near the Tarlac border became a ghost town Saturday when residents left the town upon learning that the constabulary detachment there under the command of Lt. Alejandro Agustin has pulled out. The people were afraid Huks might take advantage of the move and attack the town.

It was learned later that Agustin's detachment was to be replaced by the 92nd PC company coming from Baler. Only Police Chief Antonio Grospe and two of his six policemen were left in Licab.

Municipal treasurer Sotero Garcia was reported to have fled towards Talavera with treasury funds. Councilors moved to the neighboring towns of Santo Domingo and Quezon.

Licab Mayor Honorato Viardo at that time was in Manila to see Interior Secretary Sotero Baluyut about arming civilians to bolster the town police force.—V.

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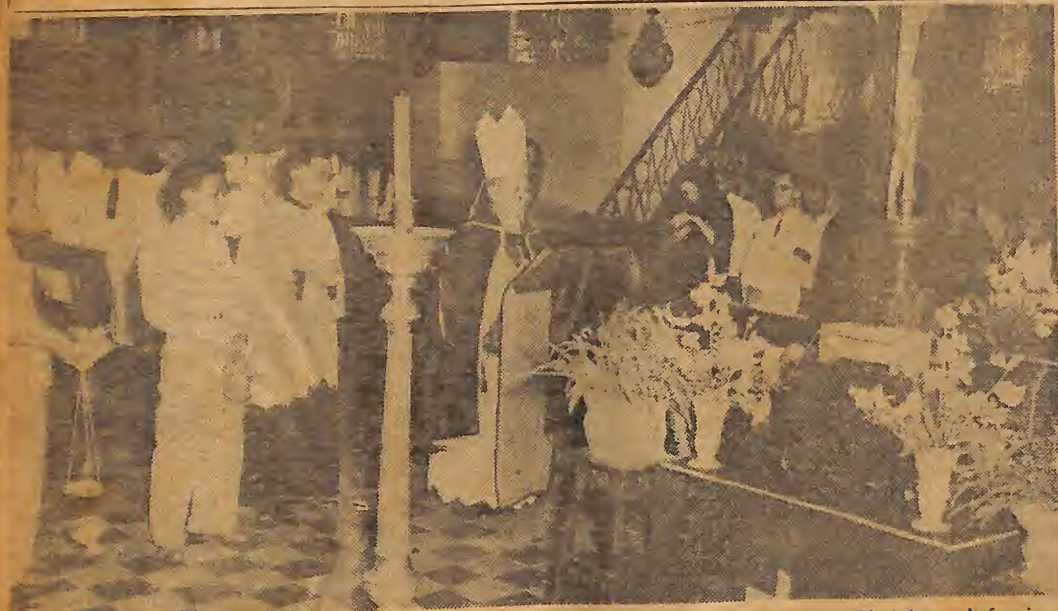
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REQUIEM MASS IN MEMORY OF MRS. QUEZON



A BIG CROWD OF PROMINENT PEOPLE, including high government officials and foreign diplomats, heard the requiem mass said at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral last Saturday morning in memory of the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon. Shown above are Most Rev. Rufino J. Santos, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Manila who officiated the mass, Nini and Nonong Quezon, only surviving members of the Quezon family, and foreign diplomats. (PNRC Photo)

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President Quirino will arrive sometime today by plane from Baguio with the cabinet members. High government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, social and civic leaders, and others are expected to attend the necrological services. Nini and Nonong Quezon, lone survivors of the Quezon family, will also be present at the ceremonies.

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PRESIDENT QUIRINO (right, top photo), delivering his eulogy at the necrological services for Mrs. Aurora Quezon at Malacañan last night. Others in the picture are, from left to right: Vicky Quirino, Senate President Cuenco, Speaker Perez, Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, Dr. Victor Buencamino, and Msgr. Vicente Fernandez. Below: portion of the audience. Third from right is Nonong Quezon, one of two surviving members of the family of the late President Quezon.

Quirino Leads in Eulogizing Mrs. Quezon at Palace Rites

Stating that the world has shared the Filipino people's sorrow in her tragic death, President Elpidio Quirino, in his eulogy for Mrs. Aurora Aragon de Quezon, last night, said that she was the rock of refuge and of strength to many a Filipino leader beset with the burden of the people's problems.

President Quirino was the principal speaker at the necrological services for Mrs. Quezon held last night at Malacañan social hall under the auspices of the Philippine National Red Cross of which she was the chairman. High government officials and their ladies and prominent citizens of Manila attended the ceremony which was broadcast by the different Manila radio stations.

Dr. Victor Buencamino delivered the response remarks in behalf of the Quezon family. Other speakers of the evening were Dr. Manuel Lim, acting chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, and Rev. Vicente Fernandez who offered the prayer.

President Quirino asserted that Quezon, the great man and leader, became the greater because of the inspiring influence of Mrs. Quezon, the woman and wife. According to him, Mrs. Quezon had always risen to the occasion in the most helpful spirit, and did not mind being dragged along up or down as her husband's career had brought him higher or lower in the national esteem.

Mrs. Quezon, according to President Quirino, was not only the first of the First Ladies of the land, but in her own right, she was simply grand. He said that the dignity, wisdom and grace with which she carried her responsibility to the nation after the death of President Quezon were no accident but they came as the flowering of a lifetime of responsible, devoted comradeship.

Justice Lim, speaking on the humanitarian work of the Red Cross to which Mrs. Quezon was linked until the time of her departure, said, "Wherever the Red Cross is, she will be. Wherever disaster strikes, gripping its victim with physical suffering and penury; wherever injustice is committed and the rights of men are placed in jeopardy; wherever there is hunger, and strife and misery; wherever the good life is threatened and human ghouls attempt to pervert the will of justice and equity, Mrs. Quezon, as if she were alive, will be there, leading the way. Doña Aurora is our symbol, our inspiration."

"Aurora Quezon's death is truly a national loss," said Mrs. Legarda. "If those of us today revere her, the future generations of Filipinos will exalt her as one of the greatest benefactors of our people in her own right, for her noble life and loving deeds will forever be a stimulating source for inspiration and emulation. We, her unworthy successors, can build no better memorial than to continue the work that she has started and to try to follow her worthy example."

Among those present at the necrological services were: Nonong Quezon, one of the two survivors of the Quezon family; high government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, social and civic leaders, and many

other prominent persons.

President Quirino recalled that when Mrs. Quezon acceded to become head of the Red Cross, she gave formal confirmation on her own right of being in fact the mother to her people. She did not merely lend her name to the cause. But, said President Quirino, she labored mightily, doing yeoman service like everyone else who belong to it, and provided the Red Cross most abiding inspiration.

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AT MALACASAN NECROLOGICAL RITES. The Right Rev. Msgr. Vicente Fernandez, papal domestic prelate, offering a prayer for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon at the necrological services held at Malacañan last evening. Standing behind him, in silent prayer, are (left to right) Justice Manuel Lim, Miss Vicky Quirino, President Quirino, Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda and Dr. Victor Buencamino. Bottom panel shows Nonong Quezon, cabinet members, diplomats, congressmen, representatives of Philippine and U. S. armed services and prominent residents who attended the ceremony.

Quirino Praises Late Mrs. Quezon As 'Greatest Woman In Her Country'

President Quirino led the nation last night in honoring the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, in necrological services held at the Malacañan social hall. The services were broadcast over five radio stations on a nationwide hook-up.

The President praised Mrs. Quezon as "the greatest woman in her country." Speaking of her work in the Red Cross, President Quirino said:

"When she undertook to head our National Red Cross, she simply acceded to giving formal confirmation, on her own right, of being in fact and in truth, mother to her people. She did not merely lend her name, great as it was, to the cause. She labored mightily, doing yeoman service like everyone else who belonged to it, and provided its deepest, most abiding inspiration."

The President added: "Our people may not now know who was

the greater, Quezon who was the Father of his Country, or Aurora Aragon Quezon, the truly symbolic Mother of her race. But history will record them both as the greatest benefactors of this generation, and Mrs. Quezon as her greatest woman in her country."

President Quirino spoke of the "inspiring influence" of Mrs. Quezon with reference to the career of the late President Quezon. He said: "Mrs. Quezon eventually became the rock of refuge and of strength to many a Filipino leader beset with the burden of the people's problems. That she did all these quietly within the private sanctuary of the home is a grateful fact and commentary on the womanhood of this country."

Manuel Lim, acting PNRG chairman, and Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, were the other principal speakers.

Among those present at the necrological services were: Mrs. Nini Quezon-Buencamino and Nonong Quezon, lone survivors of the Quezon family; high government officials, members of the diplomatic corps and social and civic leaders.

A prayer for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Quezon was said by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vicente Fernandez, domestic prelate of His Holiness the Pope.

Dr. Victor Buencamino gave the response on behalf of the survivors of the Quezon family.

The musical numbers in the ceremony were rendered by Juanita R. Javier, famed lyric soprano, the Amihan Musical Society, Manila Chamber Music and the Manila Symphony Orchestra.

MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE FROM US

Messages of sympathy over the death of Mrs. Quezon and her companions were received this week in Malacañan from United States Attorney General Tom C. Clark and Vincent Sheean, the noted writer.

The text of Mr. Clark's message follows:

"The great tragedy suffered by the people of the Philippines in the untimely death of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter arouses the deepest sympathy of Americans everywhere in the loss which they have sustained and abhorrence of the cruel and violent circumstances which attended it. The many friends of the Quezon family here in Washington feel a deep sense of personal sorrow. My sincerest sympathy."

Sheean's letter, which was addressed to Private Secretary Federico Mangahas, said in part:

"We have all been shocked here at the murder of Doña Aurora Quezon, her daughter and those who accompanied her. It is a dreadful thing. I only have one other thing to say, which is that I thank God that Quirino was not there. I feel sure that he is reserved for decisive services, not only to the Philippines but to all of us."

TOKYO MASS FOR QUEZONS SLATED

TOKYO, May 9 (AP)—Memorial services for the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her daughter Maria Aurora Quezon will be held in the general headquarters chapel at the center of Tokyo on Wednesday, the Philippines mission announced today.

Bernabe Africa, chief of the mission, will deliver an address at the services honoring the memory of the widow of former President Manuel L. Quezon. Mrs. Quezon, her daughter and 10 others were killed April 28 when bandits ambushed a caravan in which they were traveling north of Manila.

MASS FOR LATE QC MAYOR SET

A requiem mass sponsored by the capital city planning commission will be said for the late Mayor Ponciano A. Bernardo tomorrow at 8 a. m. at the Kamuning parish church on 9th street, corner H. Avenue.

Members of the family, officials of Quezon City and of the University of the Philippines, and friends of Mayor Bernardo are invited to attend the mass.

By special arrangement with Mrs. Ruby Mangahas of the U. P. conservatory of music, a requiem song will be sung by Mrs. Celerina Cayabyab with Miss Andrea Ofilada accompanying her at the organ.

FULL-SCALE DRIVE ON HUKS IMPENDS

By JESUS BIGORNIA
Bulletin Staff Member

CABANATUAN, May 9.—Hastily evacuated Hukbalahap encampments that had been set afire were all that units of a battalion combat team found when they reached the outlaws' stamping grounds at the Muñoz, Talavera and San Jose areas last night.

Units of the provincial constabulary command and Philippine army struck in nocturnal operations following the tactics of Col. Napoleon Valeriano, overall campaign commander, but encountered no dissidents. Abundant traces of Huks who apparently had fled in haste were found by the government troops, however.

Battle-tested reconnaissance troops of the combat team executed a daylight push yesterday to Mataas na Kahoy and Delinquent in Talavera, but the elusive outlaws had left the area. The immediate vicinity, including Basang Hamog, a notorious Huk lair, was bombarded all night, however, with artillery and .50 caliber machineguns.

Based near Baloc, Santo Domingo, a battery of 75-millimeter guns poured between San Jose and Umingan.

This softening process was believed to be the herald of the final phase of operations. This week may see a full-scale offensive with all units participating in a single coordinated blow. BCT headquarters assumed strict silence starting today in the interest of security.

Col. Valeriano had been conferring hourly with his staff and officers of other commands and with operatives, presumably on the strategy to be employed in the coming push.

Meanwhile, nightly raids by the Nenita outfit continued unabated. It was believed that the Huks were losing contact with their sympathizers in the towns.

With the current operations in full blast, Huks were said to be hard pressed for food and other supplies with the result that they might be forced to a showdown soon.

1,000 HEAVILY ARMED HUKS ENCIRCLED

By JOVITO REYES
Bulletin Correspondent

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 9.—Around 1,000 heavily armed Huks under the overall command of Col. Jose Dimasalang de Leon and Major Jose Taguian were encircled in barrio Gabur, between the towns of Licab and Aliaga, it was learned today. This spot was considered the most strategic Huk hiding place in the marshy lowlands along the Chico river coming from Candaba swamps.

Strong government forces until late this afternoon were subjecting barrio Gabur and its outskirts to light mortar and machinegun fire. The strategy was to burn the tall talahib grass and thus drive the Huks into the open.

The dissident groups under De Leon were believed to have been increased by Huks who had escaped from their mountain lairs as a result of the strong constabulary attack shortly after the ambush of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her party.

The biggest Huk-PC battle was expected to break out tonight or tomorrow with Col. Valeriano dispatching more reinforcements to the field.

Governor Juan Chioco and your correspondent motored to Licab this afternoon and found only a few residents in the town. Most of the people had evacuated to neighboring towns.

The governor advised the few remaining residents to stay despite the withdrawal of PC troops from

the area. He promised to send a strong patrol to protect Licab residents.

The remaining Licab residents said they were expecting a Huk attack momentarily since the withdrawal of PC troops because of reports that the dissidents were poised to strike from Gabur.

Many policemen had abandoned the town leaving it unprotected. Licab Vice Mayor Jose de los Santos and Municipal Secretary Nicanor Enriquez were the only officials left in the town.

GOV'T FORCES STEP UP ANTI-DISSIDENT DRIVE

(Special to the Bulletin)

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 9.—Nueva Ecija Hukbalahaps and their satellites were becoming more reckless as government forces intensified their anti-dissident drive in an effort to crush both the Huk and the PKM organizations for the immediate restoration of peace and order throughout the country.

Lt. Col. Napoleon Valeriano, new over-all commander of Nueva Ecija, had been employing the most effective tactics in pursuing the outlaws ever since he assumed his post. At the same time intelligent officers have been closing in on the heels of suspected PKM members and other persons believed to be aiding the Huks.

Six alleged PKM members were charged with rebellion in an information filed this morning by Fiscal Emilio Cecilio with the local court of first instance.

Charged were Crisanto de Leon, Pedro Estanislao, Inigo Atendido, Alfredo Rivera, Pedro Martin and Inocencio Valdez, all residents of barrio Sicsican, Talavera.

The accused admitted their membership in the PKM organization when investigated by a group of PC intelligence officers headed by Lt. Fidel Amente. They admitted also that since last year they had been supporting the Huks under Commanders Melencio, Tagumpay and Cruzet Logo, all operating on the northwestern side of this province.

PC SHELL HUKS IN MOUNT BANUTIN

(Special to the Bulletin)

STA. CRUZ, LAGUNA, May 9.—A Philippine constabulary relief unit subjected Mount Banutin and

its vicinities to heavy shelling for several hours last night following reports that an undetermined number of Huks wearing red ribbons had been seen prowling in those areas.

According to the reports, the dissidents were heading for Pagsanjan and Lumbang. All PC troops in both towns were alerted. PC soldiers at Pagsanjan concentrated at the churchyard from where they shelled Mount Banutin.

Results of the shelling had not yet been reported. Another information received here stated that Huks had been seen retreating towards the remote barrios of Cavinti, as a result of the operations of the government forces.

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President Quezon's Voice

By JORGE BOCOBO

On the tomb of our beloved leader, President Quezon, it is inscribed that he was the "Father of Social Justice." Let us again hear his voice. I quote from his birthday speech in August of 1938: "It is the duty of the State, not only to keep order, administer justice and safeguard individual rights and property, but also to promote the people's welfare, assuring to every one an equal economic opportunity, wholesome living conditions, a chance to work for a decent livelihood, fair share in the fruits of the country's material progress, and the enjoyment of a standard of living in accordance with the basic needs of self-respecting intelligent men. My ambition is to give to every Filipino the opportunity to acquire through toil his necessities in food, clothing, and shelter, together with reasonable comforts, and a leisure which will permit cultural self-improvement and a participation in the blessings of an enlightened civilization. I should like to give to all our countrymen social security in youth as well as in old age, for themselves and their families."

He started to lay the foundations of this enunciated policy, but the outbreak of the war and his subsequent untimely death slowed down his social legislation program. It is a sad fact that since liberation, nothing fundamental in labor legislation has been adopted in our country. This is the root cause of the deep and widespread unrest which the government has for three years been trying to solve with force, when the consensus of opinion is that it can be settled only in one way,—the Quezon way,—by a bold and far-reaching social legislation.

Social Reform

Here is a decisive and broad-gauged program of social reform: Foster the settlement of the public domain on a large scale; let at least fifty million pesos from the Central Bank be loaned to actual homesteaders. Cut out the red-tape in the acquisition of public land. Overhaul the tenancy law, which has been turned into a noose around the tenant's neck. Let the State buy the large haciendas in Central Luzon, partly on the installment plan and partly in exchange for public lands, and then let the government sell such estates in parcels on installment to the tenants. Let the law determine a minimum wage, and provide for a swift way of fixing decent living wage, so as to lessen labor disputes. Gradually build up a social security system that will protect the population in case of sickness, old age, accident, unemployment, and orphanhood.

The Central Bank

The Central Bank will finance government and private projects. But such financing will not solve the people's unrest unless social legislation is effected at once. Why establish factories that will pay starvation wages? It is thus possible that, through the Central Bank the business barons may continue to exploit the masses, and on a bigger scale at that, thanks to the government's assistance.

The Muted Voice

President Quezon's muted voice can be heard in the quietude of the national conscience. Let us hope that it may stir up our lawmakers, of all parties, to quick and constructive action. Though the persuasive accents of his eloquence have been stilled, there is a solemn force in that silence of the departed leader.

Bernardo Requiem Mass Tomorrow

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The family of the late Mayor, officials of Quezon City, officials of the University of the Philippines, and friends of Mayor Bernardo are invited.

Through arrangements made with Mrs. Rubý Mangahas of the U. P. Conservatory of Music, Mrs. Celerina Cayabyab will sing the requiem song accompanied at the organ by Miss Andrea Ofilada.

Press Club Condoles With Quezon Family

Special to The MANILA TIMES
BACOLOD, May 7.—The Negros Club yesterday passed a resolution of condolence expressing the club's profound sorrow over the death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, Baby Quezon and Phillip Buenacaminio III, at the hands of dissident assassins. The resolution stated that Doña Aurora's death was a "great loss to the nation." Copies of the resolution have been sent to Manuel Quezon, Jr. in Manila. Club president is Rodolfo Garbanzos.

Quirino Pays Tribute To Dona Aurora

In a tribute paid to Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon during the necrological services in Malacañan last night, President Elpidio Quirino said that it was Mrs. Quezon who served an inspiration that gave fruit to the social justice policies of President Quezon.

"Quezon, the great man and leader, became the greater because of the inspiring influence of Mrs. Quezon, the woman and wife," Mr. Quirino said.

He added that Mrs. Quezon eventually became "the rock of refuge and of strength" to many a Filipino leader beset with the burden of the people's problems.

"Aurora Aragon Quezon was not only the first of the First Ladies of the land. In her own right, she was a great leader," Mr. Quirino said. "Every one of us feels the poorer because of her death. All of our people and our posterity will be richer because she has lived."

Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, president of the National Federation Of Women's Club, also praised Mrs. Quezon a great representative of her sex in the nation building. Mrs. Legarda specifically mentioned the work of the deceased as a patron of art, and her fight for justice and equality through her own example of living and treating all peoples from all walks of life with equality.

Dr. Manuel Lim, another speaker, cited the many humanitarian works of Mrs. Quezon, especially with the Philippine National Red Cross, of which she was the guiding hand.

Dr. Victor Buencamino gave the response for the family.

Last night's necrological services which were broadcast in a nationwide hookup over all local stations, included solemn musical selections by Miss Juanita R. Javier, lyric soprano, accompanied by Prof. Julio Esteban Anguita; choral numbers by the Amihan Musical Society and the Manila Chamber Music Society, with the Manila Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Prof. Bernardino Custodio, assisting; and selections by the MSO.

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Freedom Speaks

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, TUESDAY 10 MAY 1949

Flag at International Mart at Half-Mast



THE PHILIPPINE FLAG flying atop the International Trade Mart in New Orleans being lowered to half-mast in simple ceremonies in memory of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, who was ambushed recently in Nueva Ecija. In the picture, left to right: Alvaro Barretto, administrative assistant in the Philippine consulate; Consul Jose Moreno (lowering the flag); Vice-Consul Renato A. Urquiola, Miss Beatriz Bacustes and A. C. Laforteza.

Condolences On Quezon's Death

Messages of sympathy over the death of Mrs. Quezon and her companions were received this week in Malacañan from United States Attorney General Tom C. Clark and Vincent Sheean, noted writer.

The text of Mr. Clark's message follows:

"The great tragedy suffered by the people of the Philippines in the untimely death of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter arouses the deepest sympathy of Americans everywhere in the loss which they have sustained and abhorrence of the cruel and violent circumstances which attended it. The many friends of the Quezon family here in Washington feel a deep sense of personal sorrow. My sincerest sympathy."

Sheean's letter, which was addressed to Private Secretary Federico Mangahas, said in part:

"We have all been shocked here at the murder of Dona Aurora Quezon, her daughter and those who accompanied her. It is a dreadful thing. I only have one other thing to say, which is that I thank God that Quirino was not there. I feel sure that he is reserved for decisive services, not only to the Philippines but to all of us."

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Division Of Quezon Ambush Spoils Told

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 10 (ENS).—The jewelry of the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon went to a Hukbata leader bearing the nom-de-guerre of Luningning when the members of the ambush party divided the spoils of their bloody deed.

This was the revelation of Corazon de los Reyes, 23, widow of Cpl. Patricio Delag of the 2nd PC light tank company who was executed by the Huks, as she limped into the command post of Capt. Tommy Misayas, commanding officer of the 24th PC company in the town of Rizal in this province.

Here is her story:

She was in company with her husband and Cpl. Eugenio Arreola of the 94th PC company. They

were among the passengers of five freight trucks ambushed by a band of 50 Huks on the road to Pantabangan on April 30. Arreola was killed by the Huks who relieved all passengers of money and jewelry.

The outlaws then took Delag along. She pleaded to them to let her husband go, and clung to him all along the way from the scene of the ambush to barrio Masigway where Delag was executed in kempai fashion.

Despite her entreaties to them to let him go, they ordered her to follow them. She called their attention to her pregnancy. The Huks nevertheless forced her along.

She was with the Huks marching day and night in an effort to evade government troops who had started the search for the attackers of the Quezon party.

She declared that in one of their conversations she overheard the outlaws talk about how they divided the spoils of the ambush attack on the Quezons.

There was some talk about a certain Luningning getting Mrs. Quezon's ring and one, Kulafu, getting Maj. Gen. Rafael Jalandoni's signet ring.

She heard that Luningning and Kulafu left the gang later and sneaked through the PC cordon encircling Mt. Guiniat.

The widow also revealed the hardships suffered by the outlaws in the punitive campaign. She said she saw 20 Huks killed when an artillery barrage levelled down 26 Huk barracks at Mt. Guiniat. She saw outlaw casualties buried with military ceremonies in Basang Hamog but that many of the Huk dead were left behind covered with cogon grass as the outlaws were unable to take them along because of the rapid advance of PC forces towards the Huk positions.

She said wounded Huks were brought to an undisclosed hospital atop Mt. Guiniat.

When the pursuit was getting hotter and the outlaws presumably could not afford to allow the captives to slow down their speed, the widow was released last Sunday night at sitio Basang Hamog, Talavera, with the admonition never to marry a soldier again.

—V.

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 9 (ENS).—Col. Napoleon Valeriano, overall commander of the punitive expedition here, indicated that he is speeding up the work before the rainy season starts next month and bog down his motorized units.

He disclosed that his men are on a 24-hour patrol of isolated localities with armored cars mounting 37-millimeter guns and 50-caliber machine guns.

Mt. Guiniat was finally yielded by the outlaws. No data on prisoners are available, however. About 60 huts used as barracks were found in the area and burned by the constabulary.

Documents left by the Huks showed that the place had been used as training camp for Huk recruits with 600 undergoing their course in the last training period.

The camp, it was gathered, was under the supervision of a certain Ramson, who belongs to the staff of Dimasalang de Leon. The occupation of the camp was credited to Moro constabulary fighters.—V.

Pays Tribute To Mrs. Quezon

While "everyone feels the poorer because of her death," yet "our people and our prosperity will be the richer because she has lived," President Quirino said in his necrological speech during the memorial services in honor of Doña Aurora A. Quezon given by the Philippines National Red Cross at Malacañan last night.

Former Associate Justice Manuel Lim was another speaker at the gathering that was well attended.

The President said in part:

"Mrs. Quezon, devoted and attached to her husband as she had always been all her life, human enough to feel the immeasurable loss for her beloved husband's demise, summoned all the courage and wisdom that she could muster from her heritage and determined to continue her husband's life struggles while she lived. It was she who had served as the lever that had gauged the course of her husband's public life. She had stabilized and steadied his movements and convictions as he had embarked upon his aggressive and compelling patriotic endeavors at the height of his strength, power and influence as leader of his people. The husband's vicissitudes of fortune in his great battles of life had made him turn his eyes upon the lot of the common man. But it was she who had touched and softened his heart and made him champion the cause of the masses, the underprivileged, the underfed. President Quezon's social justices had been Aurora Quezon's inspiration and passion.

"But great as her influence had been, she had never abused it to further a justifiable personal pride when she knew that grave problems of state were involved. She had asked nothing for herself. She had never suggested that she would be sharing the criticism or glorification of her husband's conduct even if it affected her feelings or dignity as the mother of his children. Nor had she minded being dragged along up or down as her husband's career had brought him higher or lower in the national estimation. She had always risen to the occasion in the most helpful spirit. Because far and above her realization of some of her husband's failings in his human adventures, she had had absolute confidence in her husband's devotion and respect for her, which she undoubtedly had inspired by her conduct and her

prayers. Quezon, the great man and leader, became the greater because of the inspiring influence of Mrs. Quezon, the woman and wife. And Mrs. Quezon eventually became the rock of refuge and of strength to many a Filipino leader beset with the burden of the people's problems. That she did all this quietly within the private sanctuary of the home is a grateful fact and commentary on the womanhood of this country.

"Aurora Aragon Quezon was not only the first of the First Ladies of the land. In her own right, she was simply grand! The insuperable dignity, wisdom and grace with which she carried her responsibility to the nation after the death of President Quezon were no accident; they came as the nature flowering of a lifetime of responsible, devoted and fulfilled comradeship. When she undertook to head our National Red Cross, she simply acceded to giving formal confirmation, on her own right, of being in fact and in truth, mother to her people. She did not merely lend her name, great as it was, to the cause. She labored mightily, doing yeoman service like everyone else who belonged to it, and provided its deepest, most abiding inspiration. Our people may not know now who was the greater, Quezon the Father of his country, or Aurora Aragon Quezon, the truly symbolic mother of her race. But history will record them both as the greatest benefactors of this generation, and Mrs. Quezon as the greatest woman in her country.

"The world has shared our people's sorrow in her tragic passing. Those of us who knew her well can most truly say: to know her was to respect her, to admire her, to love her. No longer shall she grace the halls of the land which were wont to be exalted by her ennobling personality; no longer shall welfare institutions feel the touch of her kind heart and hand. No longer shall these Palace halls be dignified by her handsome and queenly figure; no longer shall these walls receive the impact of her gentle influence. No longer shall this atmosphere, which for many years she had enlivened with her wisdom and charm, be permeated by her spirit of racial honor and pride—as an embodiment of the noblest type of Filipino womanhood."

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Mrs. Quezon Honored In Ilocos Sur Rites

Special to the Chronicle

VIGAN, Ilocos Sur, May 10.—Necrological services for the late Mrs. Aurora Quezon was held Saturday morning at the provincial capitol hall, under the joint auspices of the Ilocos Sur provincial government and the Ilocos Sur-Abra chapter of the Philippine National Red Cross.

Eulogies were delivered by Lt. Col. Pedro Dionisio, in behalf of the Armed Forces; Mayor Mariano Formoso, in behalf of the Ilocos Sur Mayors' League; acting Fiscal Alfredo Laya, for the provincial government; and Mrs. Agustina G. Faypon, for the Ilocos Sur-Abra chapter, PNRC and Women's Federation of the province.

Felix J. Aragon, managing editor of the North Star and a relative of Mrs. Quezon, gave the response while Father Godofredo Albano performed the invocation and benediction.

Musical numbers were contributed by Prof. Carlos Reyes who played "Elegy" on the organ, Jesus Reyes who sang "Ave Maria," Johnny and Bernerdo Navarrete who rendered a violin

duet, accompanied on the piano by their sister Catalina, and the Northern High School choir which sang "Rock of Ages" while the public made the floral offerings.—m.r.

Huk Prisoner Gives Details Of Quezon Massacre Near Baler

Special to The MANILA TIMES

CABANATUAN, May 10.—The complete story of the ambush last April 28 which resulted in the death of Mrs. Quezon and 11 others, was told to the provincial fiscal yesterday by Pedro Manantan, who participated in the ambushade.

The 26-year-old Huk declared that the ambush band did not know beforehand that Mrs. Quezon was with the party. "The first car in which Doña Aurora was riding was machine-gunned when it tried to turn back upon being stopped by our companions," he said. He himself fired four times at the Quezon car with his Garand.

The real purpose of the holdup, Manantan explained, was to seize money, clothing and foodstuffs. He said that the participating Huk units had been given instructions by their respective commanders that day to hold up vehicles for badly needed supplies.

When the first car attempted to get away, he declared, the Huks deployed along the road fired simultaneously at the motorcade. "After a while," he continued, "we stopped firing and our companions, mostly Huk officers, approached the cars and started relieving the victims of their money and valuables."

Another revelation Manantan made during the investigation was that the Huks were being supplied with ammunition by some civilian agents of the government.

Wilson Passengers Requiem Mass For Mrs. Quezon & Party

A requiem mass was held recently on board the s. s. President Wilson en route to San Francisco for the repose of the souls of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her party. The mass, which was officiated by an American Catholic priest, was held through the initiative of Mrs. Pilar P. Balagtas, who is on her way to the United States. The mass was attended by those on board including a large group of Filipinos.

Among those who attended the requiem mass were Mr. and Mrs. Vicente Legarda and niece, Miss Tanbunting, Dr. and Mrs. Paterno Chikiamco, Dr. Manuel Quisumbing and son, Manuel, Jr., Dr. Luis Z. Gonzalez, Dr. Filipinas Victorio, Dr. Luz Campanpan, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Zulueta, Maria Luisa Garcia, Eduardo Viaplana, Jose Abad, Mrs. Juan del Rosario and others.

Requiem Mass

A requiem mass, sponsored by the Quezon City unit of the YLAC will be said on Sunday, May 15, at 8:45 a.m. at the Sacred Heart chapel in Kamuning, for the repose of the

souls of the late Mrs. Aurora Quezon, Maria Aurora Quezon and Philip Buencamino III.

All members are requested to attend in uniform.

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Africa Pays Tribute In Tokyo Memorial Rites For Mrs. Quezon

TOKYO, May 11 (AP)—Memorial services were held this afternoon in honor of the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, widow of the late President Manuel L. Quezon and their daughter Miss Maria Aurora Quezon. The services were held at the general headquarters chapel here.

The gathering was addressed by the honorable Bernabe Africa, chief of the Philippine mission in Japan. He said "we are gathered here this afternoon to pay homage to the memory of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, wife of the late President Manuel L. Quezon, and her daughter Maria Aurora Quezon who, together with 10 others, were slain in an ambushade in the morning of April 28, 1949 by heavily armed bandits while she was on her way to her native town of Baler in Quezon province to unveil a marker designating the spot where her distinguished husband was born.

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patriotic labors on behalf of her people in war as well as in peace. She it was who inspired President Quezon's lifelong struggle for independence and final statehood for his country. During the enemy occupation of the Philippines she lived quietly with her family in the United States sharing with her illustrious husband the burden of carrying on the fight until the enemy was driven away from her native land and the democratic way of life restored to the Filipino people.

"President Quezon died without seeing the liberation of his country. Mrs. Quezon, instead of retiring to seclusion of private life, was actively engaged in the reconstruction of her war devastated country and in the amelioration of the sufferings of her people particularly war veterans. At the time of her death she was the president of the Philippine Red Cross and member of various other welfare and charitable organizations. It can truly be said that she lived and died for her country."

Mass For Ambush Victims Tomorrow

The National Campaign Organization for the Antipolo Church Reconstruction will offer a requiem mass tomorrow, Thursday, at 7 a.m. at the Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Carmelite Monastery, No. 4 Gilmore Avenue, Quezon City.

The requiem mass is for the souls of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, Miss Maria Aurora Quezon, Philip Buencamino III, Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, Lt. Col. Primitivo San Agustin, Lt. Col. Antonio San Agustin, Juan Molina, Pedro Payumo and all the officers and enlisted men who were killed in the recent Quezon ambushade.

When a Huk band assaulted Carranglan sometime in February, Manantan was kidnaped. He said he was impressed into the service and joined the 7th battalion under Major Paredes. With Manlungoy, Rizal as their base, they periodically made raids.

Manantan stated that he was with the band which held up around 100 vehicles in Puncan, Carranglan before the Holy Week, resulting in the killing of a PS man. His second raid was made when the 7th battalion assaulted Mataas na Kahoy, Cabanatuan, three days later, when he said they killed a municipal teacher. The next job he was in, he said, was the Quezon ambushade.

He disclosed further that the planners of the holdup at the Bongabon-Baler border were Major Paredes, Colonel Ramson, Major Liwayway, Major Marzo and Commanders Luningning and Aladin.

After the ambush, he said, they separated and regrouped in Manlungoy on April 30.

From Manlungoy they moved down to Valle, Talavera, where they began a constant flight due to PC operations. He stated that his unit was disbanded, which explained why he was picked up alone by the PC in Sta. Barbara, San Jose.



P. Manantan

Africa Extols Mrs. Quezon In Speech At Memorial Services In Tokyo

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Dr. Poling Blames Reds For Quezon Massacre In Report On Orient Tour

PHILADELPHIA, May 10 (AP).—A noted churchman reported today on his return from a six-week fact-finding tour through the Orient that a vast communist outflanking movement is being attempted in Asia.

He blamed Communists for the killing of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon in the Philippines. He said "it was an inspired killing."

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Philadelphia religious leader and newspaper columnist, was sent by President Truman's committee on religion and welfare in the armed forces.

Speaking at a breakfast today, Poling said:

"Communism is promising China what General MacArthur and his administration has given Japan—land and the means of earning a living." He said the answer to communism in the Far East can be found in the U.S. policy of "patience with strength" in

Europe. He urged a broadening of that policy to cover the Orient.

Police attributed the assassination of Mrs. Quezon, her daughter baby, son-in-law and many others to communists.

"It is clearly evident," said Dr. Poling, "that the murder of Mrs. Quezon was an inspired killing. The group under Luis Taruc, Supremo of the Huks, has been seeking land. The communists have taken advantage of that situation, in their determination that there shall be no amnesty.

"I think it will be shown it was they who blocked the road before and behind when Mrs. Quezon was ambushed."

Poling, now chaplain of the chapel of the four chaplains, said he narrowly missed going along with the Quezon party on their ill fated trip. He had troubled rearranging his schedule.

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FILIPINO AMBUSH

The shocking murder of the widow and daughter of the first President of the Philippines and a group of prominent Filipinos by unidentified "bandits" was a senseless act. Most western readers will assume a political motivation for the attack, especially in view of immediate newspaper attempts to link the attackers with the Communist-tinged, outlawed peasant organization known as Hukbalahaps.

However, it would be a mistake to put the incident into the framework of worldwide ideological conflict without concrete and convincing proof. President Elpidio Quirino at once stated that he thought the killers were simply bandits, not "Huks." Or they may have been a little of both at the same time, as some of the "guerillas" during the war were as much old-fashioned brigands and desperadoes as they were heroes and resistance fighters.

The tradition of banditry is strong in most countries of the East, where a poverty-stricken peasantry faces minimal conditions of life. The Philippines is making progress in ameliorating the lot of the peasant, and has made even

better progress in promoting respect for law and order. But the wartime resistance movement, which put a premium on lawlessness for patriotic ends, and the attendant disorganization of civil life resulted in an unfortunate revival of brigandage and terrorism, which has not yet been completely eliminated.

In such cases, motives are seldom purely "political," as the term is understood in the West. To think of irresponsible gangs to malcontents in terms of a tightly knit, Moscow-directed party is to be very naive. Disbanded and dispossessed Huks are more likely to find their philosophy in their marksmanship than in Marx.—*Boston (Mass.) Christian Science Monitor*, May 2.

OFFER MASS FOR AMBUSH VICTIMS

The national campaign organization for the Antipolo Church reconstruction will offer a requiem mass at 7 a.m. tomorrow at the Church of St. Therese of the Child of Jesus, Carmelite Monastery, 4 Gilmore Avenue, Quezon City.

The mass will be said for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, president of the board of directors of the Antipolo committee and of those who were killed in the recent ambush in Nueva Ecija: Maria Aurora Quezon, Philip Buencamino, III, Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, Primitivo San Agustin, Antonio San Agustin, Juan Molina, Pedro Payumo and officers and enlisted men with Mrs. Quezon's party.

Services For Mrs. Quezon

CEBU CITY, (By Mail).—The memory of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, who was slain April 28 in a Huk ambush in Central Luzon, together with her daughter and son-in-law and nine others, was honored last Friday afternoon at a necrological services held at the PC recreation hall.

Orations were delivered by Cebu Chinese Consul Wei-hsien-Tsung, Spanish Consul Juan Roz Arriaza and American Consul James Henderson.

Other speakers included Tirso Uy Tengsu in behalf of the City Red Cross Committee, Dr. Feliciano Cruz, representing the Red Cross, Acting Mayor Arsenio Villanueva in the name of the city and Acting Governor Honorato Hermosissima in behalf of the province.

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ries for the deceased are being conducted by President Carmen de Luna.

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Africa Lauds Mrs. Quezon

TOKYO, May 11.—(UP)—Philippine Minister Bernabe Africa said today at memorial services for Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and 11 others killed in the recent Nueva Ecija massacre that "it can be truly said that Mrs. Quezon lived and died for her country."

"The country was shocked by that awful tragedy," Africa said. "In her death the nation lost a national leader revered by all, irrespective of party or religious affiliations, for her patriotic labors on behalf of her people in war as well as in peace."

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"At the time of her death she was president of the Philippine Red Cross and a member of various other welfare and charitable organizations."

The services were held in the army headquarters chapel center.



PC COMMANDO UNIT GUARDING NE ROADS—One of the PC commando units which Lt. Col. Napoleon Valeriano is effectively using in nocturnal raids against Huk concentrations along the highways in Nueva Ecija. Note one of the 50 caliber machine guns with which these highly mobile motorized units are armed. These commando raids are now rendering Nueva Ecija highways safe from Huk ambushes, besides minimizing further threat of Huk attacks on defenseless towns and barrios.—(Chronicle Photo by G. A. Cuizon)

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MANILA, PHILIPPINES, THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1949

Quezon Killers Accused in Court

Special to the Chronicle

CABANATUAN, May 11.—Fifteen top Huk commanders headed by Colonel Mauricio Razon alias Ramzon, were accused of multiple murder in a complaint filed with the justice of the peace of this town for the cold-blooded murder of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and 11 members of her party along the Bongabon-Baler highway last April 28.

The complaint was filed with the justice of the peace of this town by Lt. Fidel Amante, assistant intelligence officer of the Philippine Constabulary here.

The defendants in the multiple murder complaint were identified by Pedro Manantan, who, in an affidavit before the P.O., gave his version of the Quezon party massacre.

He identified some of the defendants as Colonel Razon, Col. Alexander Viernes, alias Stalin, Majors Paulino Viernes, alias Liwayway, and Crisanto Marzo, Commanders Guerrero, Viray, Langit and Aladin. All the defendants except Manantan, who was included in the complaint, are still at large.

Manantan, it was believed, will plead guilty to the charges filed by the Philippine Constabulary authorities. Government witnesses cited by the PCs include General Rafael Jalandoni and other surviving members of the ambushed Quezon party. — gac.

Vets Indignant Over Ambuscade

Showing deep indignation over the murder of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, widow of the late Manuel Quezon, the Cebu veterans speaking through Cebu Veterans' Legion Chapter Commander Jose Ponce declared that they "are willing to volunteer in a punitive expedition against the killers of Mrs. Quezon to avenge her death."

Ponce said that the Cebu contingent can easily be made up of four regiments and an independent battalion.

The Cebu guerrilla volunteers need not be paid for their services in the campaign, the chapter commander pointed out.

Meanwhile, necrological services in memory of Mrs. Quezon will be held tomorrow at the PC Recreation Hall at 4 p.m.

Funeral orations will be delivered by Consul Wei-Hsien Tsung of China, representing the local Chinese community, Juan Ros Arriaza, Spanish consul on behalf of the Chinese community, Consul James Henderson, American consul in Cebu, representing the American community, Acting Governor Honorato Hermosisima in behalf of the province of Cebu, Acting Mayor Arsenio Villanueva, representing the city, and Dr. Feliciano Cruz, local Red Cross administrator.

Gregorian Masses For Mrs. Quezon

Gregorian masses for the family of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon are being offered by the Centro Escolar University at the San Beda church. The masses are said at 6:30 every morning and daily evening rosaries for the deceased are being conducted by President Carmen de Luna.

The death of Mrs. Quezon is deeply mourned by the Centro Escolarinas, she having been one of the board of directors of the University. Her last and memorable in the school's activities was the recent March commencement exercises, where she pinned the most distinguished alumnus award on Dr. Concepcion A. Agulla, CEU executive director and dean, graduate school.

A requiem mass for the souls of Mrs. Quezon, her daughter "Baby," and her son-in-law, Philip Buencamino III, will be offered by the Asocion de Damas Filipinas tomorrow morning, Friday, at 7 o'clock at the Settlement House on Canonigo, Paco. All members are requested to attend.

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MANILA, PHILIPPINES, THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1949

15 Known Huks In Murder Rap

17 Die As Dissidents Stage Raid On Sibul

Fifteen known members of the Huk band who took part in the infamous ambush of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, her daughter, Baby, her son-in-law Philip, and nine others on the Bongabon-Baler highway on April 28, have been made defendants in a charge for multiple murder filed in the court of first instance of Nueva Ecija. Of the 15 accused, only one, Pedro Manantan, is in custody.

In the battle, a strong force of Huk guerrillas ambushed Sibul in San Miguel. Tuesday night, resulting in the death of eight civilians, four temporary policemen, and five Huks. Of the six civilians wounded, two or three might succumb from wounds sustained during the crossfire.

In Quezon province Tuesday morning, seven Huks were killed in a clash with the PC in the Mauban hills.

In Laguna seven other men suspected of Huk affiliation were detained for questioning while two more Huks were slain in a skirmish with the PC at barrio Batibot. At Lubac two women, Crispina Bernardo, wife of Huk Commander "Hante," and Maria Lozada, wife of Huk Commander "George," were captured north of Bay river by a PC patrol.

As PC-Huk activities reach a new intensity, Brig. Gen. Alberto Ramos, PC chief, continues his personal tour of the rugged Huk-infested areas in central Luzon with the main purpose of coordinating the current all-out PC drive.

General Ramos, Gov. Jose B. Lingad and Maj. Benjamin Santillan of Pampanga yesterday conferred at San Fernando on the reactivation of civilian guards to help carry on the fight against the Huk hordes.

Special to the MANILA TIMES
CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 11.—Fifteen identified members of the Huk band which ambushed the Quezon party April 28 on the Bongabon-Baler highway were today charged with multiple murder in a criminal

complaint filed with the local court of first instance by Lt. Fidel Amante, junior intelligence and investigation officer of this provincial command.

The accused, among them including top Huk commanders, are Majors Paredes, Paulino Viernes alias "Liwayway," Crisanto Marzo, Alexander Viernes alias "Stalin," one identified only with the alias "Viray," one with the alias "Mulong," Commanders Luningning, Aladdin, and Ramson, one with the alias "Langit," Guerrero, Douglas, one with the alias "Pablo," another with the alias "Sagasa," and Huk Pvt. Pedro Manantan.

With the exception of Manantan who was arrested several days ago, the rest are at large.

The criminal complaint was mainly supported by the written confession of Manantan who the other day disclosed before the provincial fiscal the participation of each of the accused in the massacre of Doña Aurora and 11 others in Bongabon.

The complaint states that the 15 men mentioned, together with some 80 other persons still at large and unknown, on April 28 in Bongabon, "with evident premeditation and treachery" ambushed several vehicles loaded with

passengers and killed Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, Maria Aurora Quezon, Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, Felipe Buencamino III, Lt. Dominador Arabejo, Capt. Primitivo San Agustin, Maj. Antonio San Agustin, Pedro Payumo, PC Cpl. Quirino Almarines, Pfc. Brigido Valdez, and Lt. Diosdado Lasam. Manantan is expected to enter a plea of guilty when the case is brought up for hearing. He is at present detained in the Cabanatuan PC headquarters.

Prosecution witnesses include Maj. Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, retired AFP chief of staff, and Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing, among the survivors in the ambush, Capt. Burgosino Fausto, Capt. Olimpico Manalang, and Cpl. Silverio Raymond, PC escorts at the time of the incident.

Quezon Requiem Mass Tomorrow

The Asocion de Damas Filipinas will offer a requiem mass for the souls of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, Miss Maria Aurora Quezon and Philip Buencamino III tomorrow, Friday, at 7 a.m. at the Settlement House at Canonigo street, Paco.

All members and friends of the deceased are urged to attend.

Pontiff Sends His Condolences On Quezon Tragedy

Pope Pius XII was among those who sent messages of sympathy to President Quirino on the death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her companions, it was learned in Malacañan last night (May 11).

Other early expressions of condolence also came from Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy and former Governor Francis Burton Harrison in the United States.

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GUMACA, Quezon.—Memorial services honoring Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and those who died with her were held here last week under the combined sponsorship of the Municipal Council and the Eastern Quezon Colleges.

During the services, a resolution of condolence was approved by the citizens of this town in honor of the late First Lady and her companions.

200 HUKS MASSACRE SIBUL SPRINGS FOLK; AMBUSHERS INDICTED

(Special to the Bulletin)

CABANATUAN, May 11.—Fifteen Hukbalahaps, identified as ambushers of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and members of her party last April 28, were charged with multiple murder in a criminal complaint filed with the local court of first instance by Lieut. Fidel Amante, Nueva Ecija Philippine constabulary command intelligence officer.

Indicted for the ambush are Mauricio Razon, alias Ramson, a member of Huk Col. Jose Dimasalang de Leon's staff; Huk Col. Alexander Viernes, alias Stalin; Huk Majors Crisanto Marzo, Paulino Viernes (alias Liwayway); Huk Commanders Luningning, Guerrero, Viray, Langit, Aladdin, Mulong, Douglas, Pablo, Sagasa; and Pedro Manantan.

All the accused, except Manantan, are still at large. The complaint was supported mainly by the sworn confession of Manantan who testified the other day before the provincial fiscal, admitting his participation with the other accused in the killing of Mrs. Quezon and 11 members of her party along the highway between Bongabon and Baler.

Manantan, the only one among the accused who is under detention, is expected to enter a plea of guilty on his arraignment. Prosecution witnesses include Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing and other members of Mrs. Quezon's party, and members of the constabulary escort including Capt. Burgosino Fausto, Capt.

Masses For Quezons

Gregorian masses for Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and members of her family who died in the Nueva Ecija ambushade are said every morning at 6 o'clock at San Beda chapel. Mrs. Carmen de Luna, president of the Centro Escolar University, is sponsoring the masses. Mrs. Quezon was a member of the CEU board of directors.

Health Resort Is Ravaged; Defenders Mowed Down By Rampaging Outlaws

With government forces engaged in tracking down in Nueva Ecija the savage killers of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her party, a well-armed band of Hukbalahaps descended on peaceful Sibul Springs Tuesday night and in a four-hour killing and looting rampage exacted a heavy toll in human lives and booty.

They left in their wake eight murdered civilians, including two children, four special policemen killed in action, and seven wounded residents of the health resort. The outlaws carted away over P20,000 in loot. Casualties among the Huks included a dead commander and four members of his murdering band.

In Nueva Ecija, the constabulary indicted 15 people, including notorious Hukbalahap leaders, for multiple murder in connection with the ambush of Mrs. Quezon's party last April 28. All the accused, except a captured outlaw who confessed to his participation in the murders, are still at large.

Brig. Gen. Alberto Ramos, chief of the constabulary, and members of his staff who were in Pampanga yesterday, authorized yesterday the reactivation of civilian volunteer units to help government forces stamp out the Huk menace in Luzon. These volunteers, however, will be under the control of the PC, and not of the provincial governor or town mayors, as previously.

In Laguna, meanwhile, six men buying pigs were suspected of being government agents and were captured and cruelly tortured by 100 Huks. One of the captives escaped. The fate of the five others was unknown.

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Sponsoring organizations include Asociacion de Damas Filipinas, Ateneo Alumni Association, Club de Damas de Manila, Girl Scouts of the Philippines, Knights of Columbus, Manila Women's Club, Phil. American Assn. of Washington, D. C., Pihl. Assn. of University Women, Young Ladies Assn. of Charity, Young Women's Christian Assn.

The musical numbers will be rendered by the Amihan Musical Society and the Manila Chamber Music Society.

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Aug. 19 Set Aside As Official Quezon Day

The lower house honored the memory of the late President Manuel L. Quezon this week by making August 19, his birthday, an official holiday designated as Quezon Day.

Reps. Tomás B. Morato and Fortunato Suarez of Quezon province jointly sponsored the bill, which will go to the senate for concurrence.

Two other bills also granted life pensions to Trinidad Rizal, only living sister of the Filipino hero and martyr, and to two living daughters of revolutionary General Licerio Gerónimo.

Rep. Eduardo Barretto (L. Laguna) successfully pushed through his bill for a P500-monthly life pension for aged Doña Trining.

Barretto declared this is a belated acknowledgment of Doña Trining's invaluable revolutionary services.

The Laguna solon recalled that Doña Trining risked her life to obtain gunpowder from Cavite and Manila, and she mixed this herself for use by the "revolucionarios."

She also spent her personal funds, he added, for those wounded in battle.

Doña Trining was awarded two gold medals, one by President Quirino, and another by the Women's civic assembly.

Rep. Lorenzo Sumulong (L. Rizal) obtained passage of his bill giving P100 monthly pension to each of General Gerónimo's impoverished daughters, Concepción and Rosalina.

The late revolutionary lieutenant-general, Sumulong recounted badly defeated the Spaniards at the Puray battle in the Montal-

ban mountains.

At the start of the Philippine revolution, he was chief of operations for the northern provinces. Later, General Luna made him general in charge of the third battle zone embracing Manila and surrounding provinces.

It was General Gerónimo whose army, encamped at San Mateo and Marikina, encircled American General Lawton's forces, resulting in the death in battle of this famous American officer.

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Gregorian Masses For Mrs. Quezon

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The death of Mrs. Quezon is deeply mourned by the Centro Escolarinas, she having been one of the board of directors of the University. Her last and memorable in the school's activities was the recent March commencement exercises where she pinned the most distinguished alumnus award on Dr. Concepcion A. Aguila, CEU executive director and dean, graduate school.

A requiem mass for the souls of Mrs. Quezon, her daughter "Baby," and her son-in-law, Philip Buencamino III, will be offered by the Asociacion de Damas Filipinas tomorrow morning, Friday, at 7 o'clock at the Settlement House on Canonigo, Paco. All members are requested to attend.

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Observes Requiem

SAN FERNANDO, La Union, May 12 (ENS).—In the requiem mass said Saturday morning in the Roman Catholic church here under the auspices of the PNRCLa Union chapter honoring Mrs. Aurora Quezon, Rev. Mons. Anselmo Lazo delivered the eulogy during which many people wept.—MMC

Visayan City Pays Tribute To Mrs. Quezon

CEBU CITY, May 12 (Special).—A fitting tribute to Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, late PNRCL chairman, was paid by the Cebu community at the necrological services held recently at the Philippine constabulary recreation hall, this city.

Acting Governor Luis Espina of Cebu delivered the principal eulogy. Other speakers at the ceremony were: American Consul James E. Henderson, Chinese Consul Wei-hsien Tsung, Spanish Consul Juan Roz Arriaza, Acting Mayor Arsenio Villanueva of Cebu City, Dr. Feliciano K. Cruz, Cebu PNRCL administrator, and Tirso Uy Tengsu of the Cebu Chinese chamber of commerce.

Musical numbers were rendered by Prof. Pilar Blanco-Sala, Mrs. Loreto Laraquel-Victorino, Prof. Dolores Kapungan, Prof. Teofilo Abellon, Vicenta Osmena, the Abellana high school students, and the Philippine constabulary band.

Mrs. Quezon Praised At Tokyo Rites

TOKYO, May 11 (UP).—Philippine Minister Bernabe Africa said today at memorial services for Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and 11 others killed in the recent Nueva Ecija massacre that "it can be truly said that Mrs. Quezon lived and died for her country."

"The country was shocked by that awful tragedy," Africa said. "In her death the nation lost a national leader revered by all, irrespective of party or religious affiliations, for her patriotic labors on behalf of her people in war as well as in peace.

"She it was who inspired President Quezon's lifelong struggle for independence and full nationhood for his country. During the enemy occupation of the Philippines she lived quietly with her family in

the United States, sharing with her illustrious husband the burden of carrying on the fight until the enemy was driven away from her native land and a democratic way of life restored to the Filipino people.

"President Quezon died without seeing the liberation of his country. Mrs. Quezon, instead of retiring to the seclusion of private life, was actively engaged in construction of her war-devastated country and in amelioration of the sufferings of her people, particularly the war veterans.

"At the time for her death she was president of the Philippine Red Cross and a member of various other welfare and charitable organizations."

The services were held in the army headquarters chapel center.

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Daily Masses Held At CEU For Quezons

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YLAC Requiem Mass For Quezons Tomorrow

Members and friends of the Sta. Mesa Unit of the YLAC are requested to attend a requiem mass to be held tomorrow, Saturday, at 6:30 a.m. at the Sta. Mesa Church for the souls of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, Miss Baby Quezon and Philip Buencamino III.

Calling All Catholics!

To a Crusade of prayer and penance to heed the last appeal of Dona Aurora A. Quezon, a martyr of lawlessness.

WE CATHOLICS BELIEVE:

That the Philippines has received and is receiving from Our Lady Mediatrix of all Graces many graces to which it is our duty to respond;

That the Blessed Virgin Mary is inviting the whole world to a life of prayer and penance, so that peace throughout the world may be truly attained.

THEREFORE, WE CATHOLICS MUST ACT

By joining every day during the month of May the Radio Family Rosary that will be broadcast over Station DZPI from 6:15 to 6:30 a.m.;

By performing daily acts of mortification and penance;

By attending the Requiem Mass for Doña Aurora A. Quezon and her companions who died in the ambush, to be said on Saturday, May 28, in all the Parishes;

By attending the novena in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our respective parish churches;

By receiving the Blessed Sacrament on May 31st, the Feast of Our Lady of Mediatrix of all Graces, and by participating on that day in the diocesan consecration to Our Lady, to be said by the Hon. Manuel Moran, with Bishop Santos presiding, at the Pro-Cathedral in San Miguel, Manila, and broadcast by remote control to all of the churches in the Philippines, at 6:00 p.m.;

By going on a Pilgrimage to one of the shrines of the Blessed Virgin Mary; to Antipolo on May 22;

By making every day of our lives more selfless, more sympathetic to those less fortunate, and more in conformity with the ways of true Christianity.

Hear the Matter Regina Program in English from station DZRH on Tuesdays at 9:30 to 10 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:15 to 9:45; the Tagalog Matter Regina program from station DZPI on Saturdays from 3 to 3:50 and the Amateur Hour on Fridays from 8:15 to 9:00

During May read the daily columns "Loose Petals" in the Manila Times, the "Mary-Go-Round" in the Manila Chronicle, the "Sign in the Sky" in the Evening Chronicle, the "Come what May" in the Evening News and "Ang Daang Lipa" in the Bagong Buhay.

Spread the movement among your friends; write your suggestions to further the campaign to "Laymen's Committee, May Devotions". c/o Catholic Organization, 260 San Rafael, Manila.

THIS IS A DRIVE. A drive for prayer, for penance, for sacrifice. Ultimately, it is a drive for peace. And we are asking peace from the only Power Who can grant it—Christ, Our Lord, Who can refuse nothing to His mother.

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*"THIS LADY HAS OFTEN CHANGED
THE COURSE OF HISTORY"*

—By William Thomas Walsh

"Her Rosary, preached by Saint Dominic, overthrew the Manichean heresy that would have destroyed European society. It kept both faith and the love of freedom alive in Eire for centuries. It won the battle of Lepanto, where Christendom was saved from Moslem domination. It was under her special protection that Columbus set out to discover our western world, changing the name of his flagship from Mariagalante to Santa Maria; and every night, as dusk came over the uncharted and terrifying waste of the Sargasso Sea, his sailors would assemble on the decks to sing her vesper hymn:

*"Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
Our life, our sweetness and our hope,
Hail!"*

American Catholics followed this tradition in placing their country under the protection of her Immaculate Conception. And let no one imagine that any sort of Brave New World will be able to efface her memory! For at the end of time, before the consummation of this world, there will appear in heaven — or has it already appeared? — the sign foretold by Saint John in his Apocalypse:

"A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars."

No one who believes in God and the immortality of the soul should find it incredible that the Mother of Christ, the incarnate God, should have revealed herself to privileged persons at various crises in human affairs. Several of these appearances have been established beyond any reasonable doubt — notably, in modern time, the apparitions to Saint Bernadette at Lourdes. But why should she have appeared in Portugal in 1917, and in such a deserted and inaccessible place as the Serra da Aire? It takes all day to get to Fatima, some ninety miles north of Lisboa, first by train and then by bus or taxi; and when one arrives, there is not much to see but a vast moor with sparse vegetation for lean sheep to nibble, and a few wretched villages (by American standards) where humble peasants scrape a bare existence out of a dry reddish soil.

Well, first of all she appears where it pleases God, and her"

**WILL THIS LADY, NOW CHANGE THE COURSE OF
HISTORY IN THE PHILIPPINES?**

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Drive for Peace Through Christ Wins Support

Bishops Rally Behind Campaign; Letters Received in Manila

The hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines has rallied behind the campaign initiated recently to have the Filipino people seek peace through Christ the Lord.

Several letters from bishops all over the country have been received by the hierarchy committee on May 24, 1936, in Manila. The letters were received by the hierarchy committee on May 24, 1936, in Manila.

The drive started with a mass meeting in Manila last week by the heads of the various Catholic organizations urging the Filipino people in general to seek peace through Christ the Lord.

The committee suggested a special mass in Manila on May 22, and starting on May 23, to be followed by a general communion all over the Philippines on May 24 for Our Lady of Mediatrix of All Graces. Yesterday May 24 was the 100th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The drive is intended to continue through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Among the bishops who have responded to the committee's drive is Archbishop Rafael Banwaan of Cebu, Bishop of Zamboanga, Bishop of Iloilo, Bishop of Marikina, Bishop of Baguio, Bishop of Zamboanga, Bishop of Marikina, Bishop of Baguio, Bishop of Zamboanga, Bishop of Marikina, Bishop of Baguio.

Apparition Witness Talks In Interview with Writer

When you reported the words of the Angel and of Our Lady did you like the exact words as they were spoken, or only the general sense?

"I was in the company of the Immaculate Heart at Villa, near Pavia, and I had the privilege of conversing with Sister Maria our hostess at the apparition of Monday, July 16, 1936. She seemed unconcerned as usual and perfectly sane, for she displayed such impressive intelligence and calm to those only when referred to the subject.

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When the Angel of Peace appeared to you, did you feel the exact words as they were spoken, or only the general sense?

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"The Angel's words had an intense and overpowering quality a supernatural reality, that could not be forgotten. They seemed to engrave themselves exactly and indelibly upon the memory. It was different with the words of Our Lady. I could not be sure that every word was exact. It was rather the sense that came to me, and I put what I understood into words. It is not easy to explain this."

"Did you see Our Lord in the year 1927?"
"Twice. The answer was prompt and matter-of-fact. I was not permitted to question her as to what He said. Nor was I allowed to ask about the conversations she had had with Our Lady since 1917. It is well known that there have been several such apparitions."

According to the *Voz da Fatima*, published in the white, the Blessed Mother said to her in her cell, on December 13, 1927. "Look, my daughter, at my heart surrounded with thorns which pierce my heart and wound it by their blasphemies and inquiries. You, at least, try to console me and announce that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the Peace necessary for salvation all those who, on the first Saturdays, confess, receive Holy Communion, recite part of my Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the mysteries with the intention of offering me reparation." Sister Lucia made this through, and it has given great happiness to the Immaculate Heart devotion.

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K of C Muntinlupa Picnic Postponed

The Knights of Columbus, Manila Council No. 1000, have postponed their May 22 family picnic to Muntinlupa in order to enable members and their families to participate officially in the Archdiocese of Manila pilgrimage to Antipolo on the same day. The date for the picnic will be announced later.

most abandoned. Is that correct?"

"No, it is not," she replied positively. "The correct form is the one I have written in my account of the apparition on July 16: 'O my Jesus, pardon us, and save us from the fire of hell, draw all souls to heaven especially those in most need.'"

"Have you ever read the work of Saint Teresa of Avila?" I was thinking especially of the descriptions of uncreated light in the *Libro de su vida*.

"No. Parts of them were read to us in the refectory."

"Have you had any revelation from Our Lady about the end of the world?"

"I cannot answer that question."

"Some persons believe that Jacinta's vision of a persecuted Pope referred to some particular Pontiff. Some believe the present Holy Father was the one she saw."

"Jacinta said it was a Pope. There was nothing to indicate any particular Pope."

"Why did you say nothing about the Angel of Peace for so many years?"

"Nobody told me to. I am under obedience. The priest to whom I mentioned it at the time told me not to speak of it again. I never did until the Bishop told me to write everything down."

She explained the different kinds of the apparitions of the Angel and of Our Lady in terms very similar to those she had

and Jacinta. Her recollections were clear and precise.

"The Angel left us feeling exhausted, helpless, overpowered, and we remained lost to everything for hours. Our Lady always made us feel light and joyous."

Finally we came to the important subject of the second July secret, of which so many different and conflicting versions have been published. Lucia made it plain that Our Lady did not ask for the consecration of the world to her Immaculate Heart. What she demanded especially was the consecration of Russia. She did not mention, of course, on this fact that Pope Pius XII had consecrated the world, not Russia, to the Immaculate Heart in one special day. If this is done, the secret of Russia will spread through every country in the world."

"Does this mean, in your opinion that every country, without exception, will be overcome by Communism?"

"Yes."

It was plain that she felt that Our Lady's wishes had not yet been carried out. People must say the Rosary, receive Communion, make the first Friday devotion, and so on. She said that the Communists were in the East.

His Excellency
Aux. Bishop of Manila
who will say the Mass in the Shrine of Antipolo at
7:00 A.M.

Buses Available at 5:00 A.M.
1. Taft Avenue in front of Philippine Women's University
2. Quezon Blvd. in front of Far Eastern University

Make your bus reservation with your parish priest
Bring your organization banner
Private cars to start at 5:30 A.M. from Villa San Miguel, Mandaluyong

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Anniversary of Lady of Fatima's First Apparition Is Celebrated

Cova da Iria Pilgrimage Is Told by Writer

By WILLIAM THOMAS WALSH

Perhaps it was fitting that Our Lady of Fatima's triumph and vindication should be re-remembered for the memorable pilgrimage of May 13, 1946. The Second World War was over, and the Portuguese well understood from what untold horrors they had been saved. Although rain fell all night and in the morning, a crowd of more than 700,000 pilgrims gathered in the Cova da Iria to give thanks to Our Lady of Fatima. Almost a tenth of the population of the country was there.

A second-hand but unforgettable impression of that demonstration came to me in some motion pictures I saw two months later at the Bishop's house in Leiria. The expense of black bobbing umbrellas, the Portuguese prelates and the Papal Nuncio numbly standing in the rain, the thousands upon the thousands of handkerchiefs that fluttered like the waves of a white sea or the wings of innumerable angels beating the wind—there was something unheard-of, almost apocalyptic in the magnitude, the fervor and the patience of that prodigious host. For parallels one must go back to the children of Israel slugging with Moses in the wilderness, or the medieval crusaders shouting back at a Pope Urban II or a Saint Louis. "It is the will of God!"

Of the crusading enthusiasm of that pilgrimage, too, I obtained some qualitative idea, at least, from the one I attended the following July; for the pattern is much the same month after month. On the twelfth, the roads are full of picturesque groups, men predominate, and most of them poor. By nightfall they are scattered over the great bowl of the Cova da Iria, finding places to hitch their burros or lay down their packs, to eat, to rest. Loaves of tough, brown bread and bottles of wine are drawn from wicker baskets, earthen water-bottles are passed around or replenished at a holy well, blankets are spread on the dry ground under the olive or carraqueira trees. If an old woman slowly advances toward the chapel on her bleeding knees, there a stunted peasant is warming

some soup for his wife and children over four candles which he shields from the breeze with his hands and his sombrero. All the crowd are well supplied with such tapers, each encircled with a paper guard. By an o'clock the hands of these tiny orange-tinted lamps are burning as the procession begins to form; they look strangely dim and ethereal as the full moon rises in the east, flooding the Cova with a unearthly

radiance and lending a peculiar atmosphere to the infinite dome above. As the wind comes from the far ocean and the lobes flicker madly, yet few are extinguished.

1st Apparition 32 Years Ago Yesterday



PICTURED HERE is the image of the Lady of Fatima, whose first apparition took place in Portugal exactly 32 years ago yesterday. "She selected three innocent children to be her missionaries in carrying to the whole world her prayers and penance in order to bring about the redemption of the world."

Now they have assumed the order and form of a long straggling procession that slowly moves up the hill toward the main highway. The resonant voice of a priest is heard on a loud speaker, leading in the Rosary. Thousands of voices high and deep, male and female, respond with a thunderous and passionate rhythm: "Santa Maria, mas de Deus, rogai por nos pecadores agora e na hora da nossa morte!"

The head of the procession has reached the top of the hill, has turned and is coming down another road toward the basilica. The slow majestic pace, the dancing of innumerable lights, the hoarse and throaty voices convey an overpowering impression of an army not of blood but of prayer, a host of crusaders bearing the light of truth through the darkness of a hostile world, fearless of time and death, certain of triumph. What can resist these voices and footsteps of yesterday and of tomorrow?

Between the mysteries of the Rosary the marchers sing the Ave of their favorite hymn to the metallic sky:

A treze de Maio
Na Cova da Iria
Aparição brilhanda
A Virgem Maria.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

Individual cry out between the strophes their own hope and applications, sometimes with heart-breaking wails: "Lord, we adore you!" "Lord, we love you!" "Jesus, have mercy on me! Lord, you can cure me if you will!" Yes, these voices seem to belong to lustier and heartier times than ours. They come from the plain of Esdrael, from the walls of Jericho and Constantinople and the fields of Tunis, like the pulses of faith and of human personality breaking through the mediocrity and regimentation of a machine age.

The column of lights finally dissolves at the basilica. The thousands slowly push their way inside to attend Benediction, and then to form in long eues by the confessional boxes, patiently waiting to tell their sins so that they can receive Holy Communion at dawn. The prayers, the songs, the exclamations continue through the night. But at two in the morning many thousands have already disposed themselves for sleep. Around every tree, around the well, around the concrete platform of the chapel of the apparitions, one sees them lying prone in circles, the heads toward the center, the bare feet of women and the hobnailed boots of men grotesquely forming the perimeter. Here under one blanket lie a young peasant and his wife under two or three others are huddled, a man and a woman and their four children. A baby is inert on the breast of her sleeping mother. All are strangely silent and motionless in the deathlike slumber of

Virgin Vindicated At Mass Gathering Of 700,000 People

those who labor in the fields and think nothing of walking fifty miles to honor the Mother of God.

On the morning of the thirteenth, after a humble breakfast of dry bread wherever they slept, the people form another procession, which follows the same route to the highway and thence back to the basilica. This time the white statue of Our Lady of Fatima has been taken reverently from the chapel, and is born at the head of the column on the shoulders of six sturdy men; while in front, leading this second crusading army in the full glare of the summer heat, walk the Archbishop of Evora and the Bishop of Leiria. Don Jose goes slowly and painfully, with stiff and swollen knees, an ungainly but heroic figure in crimson and gold. As he finally climbs the steps of the basilica he is smiling graciously, and few can guess what it has cost a gallant gentleman to pay his devoir to his Lady.

Perhaps the most moving of all the scenes is the one just between the High Mass and the

noontide Benediction. In a special place roped off for them the sick are waiting patiently for this moment, some on stretchers, some in wheel-chairs with nurses, some hobbling on crutches; paralyzed children in the arms of mothers; the blind, the emaciated. A priest descends from the basilica carrying the Sacred Host in a monstrance. All who are able fall on their knees as he passes between the rows of the doctes and holds it up before the face of each imploring the Lord to heal and to restore. I will not attempt to describe those faces, those eyes; there are no words for such love, hope, desperation, adoration.

At last it is finished, and the statue is being borne back to its place in the small chapel. All the people wave their handkerchiefs up and down in farewell. The effect is tremendous; it is more eloquent than all the shouts and the final Aves. But when the figure of Our Lady has passed the multitude quickly melts away. Only a few small groups are still gathered here and there. Still fewer have taken the trouble to follow the statue to its home. There they are, kneeling about the humble building, still muttering their love and their petitions—most of them women, and very poor ones too in dusty gowns, with black kerchiefs over their heads and bare feet. Among them on July 13 I saw Ti Olimpia, the mother of Francisco and Jacinta, earnestly saying her Rosary.

Such, on a much grander scale and despite the rain, must have been the atmosphere at the greatest of all the pilgrimages, the one on May 13, 1946.

On that day, too, as a climax, the three-quarter-of-a-million pilgrims heard the voice of the Vicar of Christ speaking from Rome; and the force of all his words tended to heighten the impression of a modern Crusade.

"Your great recourse, the fervor of your prayers, the thunder of your acclamations, all the holy enthusiasm which vibrates without cease in your hearts, and finally the sacred rite which in this moment of incomparable triumph has just been performed," said the Pope, "call to Our mind another multitude innumerable greater, other cries of worship far more ardent, other triumphs yet more divine, another hour solemnly

eternal, the endless day of eternity when the glorious Virgin, triumphantly entering the Heavenly Homeland through the nine blessed choirs of Angels, was raised even to the Throne of the Most of Holy Trinity.

Who placed upon her brow the triple diadem of glory, and presenting her to the celestial court seated at the right hand of the immortal King of Ages, crowned her Queen of the Universe. And the King saw that she was truly worthy of such honor, glory and empire, because more filled with grace, more holy, more beautiful, more divine—incomparably more so than the greatest saints and the sublimest angels; because she is... the first-born daughter of the Father, pure Mother of the Word and bride of the Holy Ghost, because Mother of the divine King, of Him to Whom from her maternal womb the Lord God gave the throne of David and everlasting Kingship in the House of Jacob; He Who Himself proclaimed to have received all power in heaven and earth—He the Son of God decrees for His heavenly Mother all glory, power, and majesty of His Kingdom.

"So the Church salutes her Lady and Queen of the Angels and Saints, of Patriarchs and Prophets, of Apostles and Martyrs, of Confessors and Virgins; she acclaims her Queen of Heaven and earth, most glorious, most worthy Queen of the Universe... the light shining in the sky amid the tears of this exile...."

"You, by crowning the image of Our Lady of Fatima, signed as it was a document of faith in her supremacy, a loyal submission to her authority, a filial and constant correspondence to her love. You did yet more; you enlisted as crusaders in the conquest and reconquest of her Kingdom, which is the Kingdom of God, that is to say you bound yourselves before heaven and earth to love her, to venerate her, to serve her, to imitate her, so that with her blessing you may better serve the Divine King; and at the same time you bound yourselves to labor that she may be loved, venerated, and served all around you, in the family, in society, in the world." Lucia Visits Fatima After 25 Years.

Lucia Visits Fatima After 25 Years

Sister Doreas (the religious name of Lucia, only surviving witness of Fatima) may have heard the Holy Father's words, but she did not see the demonstration. It was a week later, on May 20, that she arrived, with the Mother Provincial of her order, at Cova da Iria. She had left as an untutored girl of fourteen. She returned a calm and poised woman of thirty-nine. Most of the countryside was unchanged. But her brown

eyes opened wide with amazement when she looked down on what had been the wilderness of Cova da Iria. It was partly inclosed by a wall. From two majestic gates descended roads that joined at the miraculous fountain, then ascended to the lofty white basilica on the northern hill. The chapel of apparitions had been completely rebuilt. To the left was an im-

posing hospice containing two or three chapels, the Bishop's quarters, and a seminary. On the opposite hill workmen were laying the massive foundations of another such building. Ground was being broken for an Italian seminary to the northeast. On another hill stood the new convent of the Discalced Carmelite nuns from Belgium.

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Archbishop Is Joyed By Move to Honor Our Lady Mediatrix



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MICHAEL J. O'DOHERTY

Archbishop Michael J. O'Doherty of Manila, in a letter dated May 7 which he sent from Baguio to the lay committee on May devotions, expressed his joy over the movement to honor Our Lady of Mediatrix of All Graces.

The Archbishop's letter follows in full:

"What I read this morning about the national Filipino devotions, in honor of Mary, Mediatrix of all graces, has filled me with joy. During my recuperation in Baguio, I have more time for prayer and penance than in my strenuous life in Manila.

"It is a profound satisfaction for me to offer my rosaries, stations of the Cross, and mortifications, in union with my brethren in Filipinas for the glorious intentions of your National Filipino month of prayer.

"May God bless the good work and fulfil all the desires of His beloved people.

"Yours devotedly in Christ."

Manila Bishop Invites Brethren to Celebrate With Special Prayers

By Mons. RUFINO J. SANTOS
Auxiliary Bishop of Manila

On the occasion of the 32nd anniversary of the first apparition of our Blessed Mother at Fatima, on the 13th of May (1917), I wish to invite you all that we celebrate this anniversary with particular fervour and special prayers to our Heavenly Mother.

As you know, next year, 1950, will be the holy jubilee year, and in connection with this eventful holy celebration, may I ask our Filipino brethren to dedicate this preceding year 1949 as a preparation for a truly holy year in 1950.

The conditions in which the whole world finds itself today with so many and so pressing problems demand our urgent recourse to her who is the Mother of our Divine Saviour. "At all times and in all persecutions and struggles, the Church had always resorted to Mary and had always merited her protection."

With the confidence of true children of Mary, let us all implore her powerful intercession before the throne of Almighty and Merciful God. We know very well that she is the co-redentrix of our Lord Jesus Christ in the saving of mankind; and our Lord has put in her hands the treasures and the benefits of the Redemption for distribution amongst the faithful. Hence, she is the Mediatrix of all Graces, because all and any grace that we receive from God come to us through the intercession of Mary.



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Auxiliary Bishop of Manila

But if God has been and is so merciful to mankind through her intercession in our favor; yet we must not forget that He is infinitely just in inflicting chastisement to those who offend Him. And the world certainly has offended Him... and a plenty! It is therefore for us to atone and to placate His Divine Justice if we want real, true, and lasting peace to be achieved. And there is no other way to

done and to placate God than through prayer and penance. And these two things have been the continuous demands of our Blessed Mother in all her apparitions before the world.

In Fatima, she selected three innocent children to be her missionaries in carrying out to the whole world her message, asking for prayers and penance in order to bring salvation to the suffering world. This message of hers has been repeated in 1945 when she appeared to Barbara Reuss at Pfaffenhofen in Germany.

Prayer is needed, for as Jesus Christ has said: "Without Me, you can do nothing." And through prayer we unite ourselves intimately with God, supplicating for our spiritual and temporal necessities. And the more God will hear our prayers when we elevate them to Him through our Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the same way as prayer is needed, also penance is necessary to obtain graces from God.

We hope and pray that our Heavenly Mother from her throne in heaven will deign to hear our prayers and supplications for world peace, and that our sacrifices and penances will merit through her the placation of Divine Justice, thereby obtaining for the whole world the divine Mercies.

Honor the Virgin by joining the

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PILGRIMAGE TO ANTIPOLLO

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headed by

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His Excellency

Aux. Bishop of Manila

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A Marian Thought

She laid the cornerstone of a movement which aims to make Christ better known—more deeply loved—more honestly served—through Mary.

She loved Mary and her people, "her own little people" that she laid down her life for them.

So lived and died as a pillar of the Catholic Church and a model for all Filipino laity. . . .

Aurora Aragon de Quezon

Hence, the Laymen's Committee on the Marian Movement, causing their request through the Ordinaries, has begged all Parish Priests in the Philippines to say a Requiem Mass in their parishes on Saturday, May 28th, for the repose of the souls of

Aurora Aragon de Quezon and the other members of her party who died on April 28, 1949.

. . . . and we ask the faithful to participate in this manifestation of love and gratitude to this wonderful woman who worked so faithfully for our Lady.

His Excellency, Bishop Santos, has approved this request, and will say a Solemn Requiem Mass at 7:00 A.M. on May 28, at the Malate Catholic Church.

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THE STORY OF THE LADY OF FATIMA

By William Thomas Walsh

One of the strangest and most beautiful stories I have ever heard was enacted from 1916 to 1920 in the hill country called the Serra da Aire, in the geographical center of Portugal. Three shepherd children, the oldest ten, the youngest seven, reported six times in 1917 that they had seen a Lady made wholly of light, who stood on a small tree, spoke to them, and vanished. On the last occasion, in the presence of 70,000 people, she performed a startling miracle to prove the truth of what the children said. Two of the little shepherds died in childhood, as she had foretold. Time has verified her other prophecies thus far: The Bolshevik Revolution, which began soon after; the horrors of World War II; the menace that Marxism offers to the entire world at this moment. The Lady said that if her wishes were obeyed, she would convert Russia and there would be peace. If not, every country in the world would be scourged and enslaved.

The third shepherd is still living. She is Sister Maria das Dores (Mary of the Sorrows), a lay sister of the Institute of Saint Dorothy, just forty years of age.

The message she has lived to reveal is that of no ordinary Lady. It comes, I am convinced, from the Queen of heaven and earth, whose beauty, power and goodness have been the theme of prophets and saints for thousands of years. She is that maiden of whom Isaiah wrote, "A virgin shall conceive and bear a son . . ." the one of whom King Solomon asked, "Who is she that cometh forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in array?" It was to her that the angel Gabriel said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women!" and she replied "Henceforth all generations shall call me blessed."

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*Join in the Consecration to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary, on May 31 st*

During the apparition of Fatima, our Lady of the Rosary raised aloft her beads, recommending their fervent recitation to the entire world. As the three children looked on they suddenly beheld, in the radiant form standing over the little oak, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, illuminated with heavenly splendor. The Virgin seemed afflicted by the sins of the world and pleaded for penance and reparation. Later, she addressed these remarkable words to the little shepherdess, Lucy:

Behold my Heart, encircled by the thorns which ungrateful men thrust therein at every moment by their blasphemy and ingratitude. You at least, try to console me, and tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces needed for salvation, whoever, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while mediating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.

Rome has given striking proof of its desire to promote devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by consecrating the world to it. The Rosary and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are more than symbols of devotion and life. Our Lady repeatedly indicated them as the means which God has appointed to bring contemporary society to the feet of Christ.

They are objective and concrete expressions of a divine injunction, definite means specified by a personal God to counteract and destroy the wave of universal impiety threatening to engulf the world. They are the sign of Satan's defeat and the glorious promise of our triumph.

At six in the evening on Tuesday, May 31, the Archdiocese of Manila will be formally consecrated to the Blessed Virgin, in answer to the request she made at Fatima. The consecration will take place simultaneously in all the churches of the archdiocese of Manila. It will be broadcast by remote control from the pro-Cathedral, where Monsignor Santos, auxiliary bishop of Manila, will preside. Similar ceremonies will take place, at the same time, in all the dioceses of the nation. This consecration is not meant to be a mere formula of words; it will be a solemn pledge, reverently made by all the Catholics of the nation, in answer to the touching plea of the Virgin.

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Better Publicity For PI Proposed

The unbalanced publicity of the Philippines in American newspapers is hurting the country, as good stories about the country are seldom carried by them, said A. M. Macleod, executive vice president of Soriano and Company upon his arrival yesterday afternoon.



A. M. Macleod He said that during his stay in the United States he failed to read about the good points about the Philippines and the Filipinos. He said the government should do something about it. He was away for two months on a combined business and pleasure trip and returned on board a Philippine Air Lines DC-6 plane from San Francisco.

Macleod emphasized that the only time one reads something about this country is when the news is bad. Items about calamities and violence give the average people in the United States the idea that there is nothing here but trouble, he declared.

He pointed out that there is business recession in America today and a decline in consumers' income. With the coming down of prices, there has been a certain amount of unemployment.

Jose Zaide of the Philippine Consulate in San Francisco, on the other hand, disclosed that there is at present a growing interest among Filipinos in the West Coast in the national affairs of the Philippines.

He disclosed that there are now 14 newspapers published by Filipinos in the Pacific Coast. Where they used to play up scandals and other harmful news about the country before, Zaide said the papers have changed their editorial policy beginning this year, using only stories which are favorable to the country and the Filipinos.

Torching on the brutal slaying of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, Zaide said that immediately after the news was broadcast and carried by the papers, the prevailing sentiment was one of indignation.

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wish to express their profound appreciation and thanks to all those who sent flowers, messages of condolence, attended the funeral or otherwise expressed their sympathy in their hour of bereavement.

Class 1947, College of Law, University of Santo Tomas will offer a *Requiem Mass* for their late classmate Atty. Maria Aurora Quezon, her mother Dona Aurora Aragon Quezon and her brother-in-law Atty. Philip Buencamino III at the U.S.T. Chapel, tomorrow May 15, 1949 at 8:00 A.M. Members of the class and professors are expected to attend. Friends and relatives of the family, and the Public are cordially invited.

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YLAC MASSES FOR QUEZONS

The last requiem mass for Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, Miss Maria Aurora "Baby" Quezon, and Philip Buencamino III, sponsored by the YLAC unit of San Juan, Rizal, will be said today at the San Juan parish church. Masses were offered on May 12 and 13. Another requiem mass for the three ambush victims will be sponsored by the Quezon City unit of the YLAC tomorrow at 8:45 a. m. at the Sacred Heart chapel in Kamuning. Patrons and members of both YLAC units and friends of the deceased are expected to attend the masses.

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The Class of 1947, College of Law, University of Santo Tomas will offer a Requiem Mass for the departed soul of their classmate, Atty. Maria Aurora Quezon; her mother, Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon; and her brother-in-law, Atty Philip Buencamino III, at the U.S.T. Chapel tomorrow (May 15, 1949) at 8:00 A.M. Members of the class and professors are expected to attend. Friends and relatives of the family and the public are cordially invited.

Requiem Mass

A requiem mass, sponsored by the Quezon City Unit of the YLAC will be said on Sunday, May 15, at 8:45 a.m. at the Sacred Heart chapel in Kamuning, for the repose of the souls of the late Doña Aurora Quezon, Maria Aurora Quezon and Philip Buencamino III. All members are requested to attend.

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Whose Fault?

The untimely demise of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and her companions has made it patent that the government has failed in its efforts to maintain peace and order.

—Governor Chioco—of Nueva Ecija has been asking President Quirino for detail of more Constabulary forces, but his request has been turned down on the ground that there was no necessity for such detail.

President Quirino, in one of his fire-side chats which he delivered by radio to the people, mentioned as one of the achievements of his administration the establishment of peace and order in the entire breadth of the country, assuring the people of their safety from the attacks or molestations of subversive or criminal elements. It is this assertion of President Quirino which lulled the people to a false sense of security.

I venture to state that if it were not for such assurance from the President, Mrs. Quezon would not have dared to go to Baler on that fateful day via the dissidents-infested and danger zones.—RAMON V. CATAUMBER, Secretary General, Nacionalista Party.

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in the Social Circle

Edited by VIRTUDES GUINTO GALLEGOS

Washington D.C.
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Dear Folks



Ugh! for this balmy Washington weather. Now I know why the weather is such a favorite topic of conversation. Two days ago it was cold and rainy. Then yesterday and today the temperature zoomed up to seventy-five and ninety as predicted by the weather-man. Never know what clothes to put on. And with this awful heat comes the terribly disturbing spring fever for aged people like me — hay fever they call it. It is composed of a splitting headache which no amount of aspirin or migraine tablets can do away with, plus continuous sneezing, but no cold. So you just feel like crawling into a wee bit of a corner and die. You just have to wait until that feeling passes, that's all. I can see that what they say about catching fever generally after your second year in Washington, is true.

Last Tuesday was the Requiem Mass given officially by our Embassy for *Doña Aurora*, at St. Matthew's. This was the same cathedral where the body of her late husband *President Quezon* lay while Mass was being said in his honor five years ago. And we could see that *Father Ortiz* who preached the sermon and who was the *Quezon* family chaplain all throughout the war, was visibly moved by her death. A lot of friends of the Filipinos were there. *Archbishop O'Boyle* was present. *Ambassador Cowen* came in striped pants and black morning coat. The very popular *O'Neal* family came in early. I sat with *Louise McNutt* who told me her parents were then in Manila. The *Richard Elys*, *Weldon Jones* and his wife, and the *Wayne Coys* were around. And a lot of Congressmen and Senators, who knew the *Quezons* were present. You'd be amazed at the very great number of admirers *Doña Aurora* had in this country. At the various embassies I've gone to, they ask me about the tragedy. And even people who don't know the family personally, feel very deeply for Nini and Nonong.

So you want to be a diplomat's wife! Well one thing you should do before coming over is to practice the art of juggling. For many a time at cocktail and tea parties, you get into the funniest predicament. A very nice person is introduced to you and naturally extends her hands to shake yours. If you are in the dining room partaking of your tea while

chatting around, there is where your problem begins. For with a bag dangling over one arm, the indispensable pair of gloves held in hand, the cup and saucer, plus the sandwiches and the cookies which your ever attentive hostess insists you help yourself with, you just find it hopeless to stretch out an empty right hand. So you have the choice of eating your whole sandwich, in which case it would be impolite to talk, or plopping the sandwich into your half-empty tea cup which I am told is immensely rude, or simply ignoring the other person's outstretched hand and apologizing lamely. Ho-hum for the complicated rules of etiquette. One practically has to be an octopus I think.

Yesterday I found myself in the sorry predicament of having to attend two "must" engagements. The first was an early twelve o'clock luncheon in honor of a very dear Dominican friend who was leaving for home, and I had accepted the invitation more than a week ago. And the other was a luncheon invitation for one o'clock given by *Señora Maria de Martinez Vargas*, the Bolivian Ambassador. And by rules of protocol an Embassy invitation especially an intimate one like this where the only guests were Bolivian Embassy wives and a foreigner who was myself were asked, should come first. For once I really appreciated the marked punctuality of the twelve o'clock luncheon. For I dashed like mad from one place to the other and made it just in the nick of time. Thank goodness the Bolivians take their time like we do.

And if I told you how we whiled away the time after lunch, would you believe me? The enormous living room of the lovely Bolivian Embassy was cluttered with head blocks and ironing boards. For while we chatted and enjoyed each other's company, eight busy pairs of hands were sawing away and creating hats. You can't imagine how entertaining it is to make our own hats, or to re-do old ones. And to mold and form that Philippine buntal straw was a chore the ladies were eager for. So *Mrs. Abello* who doesn't know it yet, will have the honor of wearing a hat fashioned personally by the Bolivian Ambassador's wife.

By Conchita L. de Benitez

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MANILA, PHILIPPINES, SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1949

Prominent Artists To Sing at Requiem Mass for Quezons

A solemn requiem mass offered for the late Mrs. Aurora Quezon, Baby Quezon and Philip Buencamino III will be held on Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 a.m. at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral. Most Rev. Rufino J. Santos, D.D. Auxiliary Bishop of Manila will officiate and Very Rev. Wm. Masterson, S.J. president of the Ateneo de Manila will deliver the eulogy.

The musical numbers will be furnished by Amihan Musical Society and the Manila Chamber Music to be accompanied by the Philippine Constabulary Band under the direction of Major Jose Cariño. Mrs. Nelia Maulo Concordia will render a vocal solo "Liberame" by Marcelo Adonay and the Amihan Musical Society and the Manila Chamber of Music will sing the chorus—"Dies Irae" and "Lacrimosa" from the "Requiem Mass by Mozart." Prof. Jose Corominas will render another vocal solo.

The organizations sponsoring this mass are: Asociacion de Damas de Filipinas, Ateneo Alumni Association, Club de Damas de Manila, Girl Scouts of the Phil., Knight of Columbus, Manila Woman's Club, National Federation of Women's Clubs, Phil. American Assn. of Washington, D.C., Phil. Assn. of Social Workers, Phil. Assn. of University Women, Young Ladies Assn. of Charity, Young Women's Christian Assn.

The National Federation of Women's Clubs is in charge of the arrangements, with Mrs. Emilia Q. de Lim as overall chairman and Mrs. Marie H. Tambuatico, chairman of the musical numbers. Usherets will be the members of the NFWC Junior Women's Clubs and the GSP.

Rehearsal of the musical members with the Phil. Constabulary Band will take place tomorrow, May 16, at 5:00 p.m. at the Escoda Memorial.

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Signal Warning

The murder of Mrs. Aurora Quezon together with some of those in her company is an irreparable national loss. It serves a signal warning to the government that there is much yet to be expected in the present campaign for peace and order.

As a result of this most heinous crime, the people have arrived at a conclusion that the Hukks are not essentially fighting for reforms but also on degrading innocent and patriotic people. In view of this, all law-abiding citizens, casting aside political prejudices, must rally behind the move to wipe out disorder and gangsterism.

The government forces, in spite for the huge outlay for peace and order, cannot be depended upon entirely to succeed in its objective of maintaining peace and order throughout the country without the civilians offering their much needed help. The latter are always in a better position to identify the bad elements of the community and they can do a lot of help by pointing out to the proper authorities the persons or whereabouts of the evil forces. It is therefore incumbent upon us all, peace-loving and law-abiding citizens of this young Republic, to unite as one in the crusade against disorder and gangsterism throughout the country.—TITO C. RAMIREZ, Jr., Far Eastern University.

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MANILA BULLETIN, MONDAY MORNING, MAY 16, 1949

Civic Organizations Offering Masses For Quezons Tomorrow

Various social and civic organizations of Manila will offer a requiem mass at 7 a.m. tomorrow at the San Miguel pro-cathedral for the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, Miss Maria Aurora Quezon and Philip Buencamino III. The service was arranged by the National Federation of Women's Clubs.

Msgr. Rufino J. Santos, auxiliary bishop of Manila, will officiate. The Rev. William Masterson, president of Ateneo de Manila,

will deliver an eulogy. Musical numbers will be contributed by the Amihan Musical Society and Manila Chamber of Music Society.

The sponsoring organizations are: Asociacion de Damas Filipinas, Ateneo Alumni Association, Club de Damas de Manila, Girl Scouts of the Philippines, Knights of Columbus, Manila Woman's Club, National Federation of Women's Clubs, Phil. American Assn. of Washington, D.C., Philippine Association of Social Workers, Philippine Association of University Women, Young Ladies Association of Charity and Young Women's Christian Association.

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By JAMES G. WINGO
Evening News Correspondent

In the same Washington cathedral St. Matthew's, where requiem high mass had been held previously for two Philippine Presidents since 1944, the Rev. Pacifico A. Ortiz, S.J., wartime personal chaplain to Manuel Quezon, delivered a stirring eulogy to the widow of the first President of the Philippine Commonwealth. The eloquent youthful Father Ortiz had come down from Fordham university in New York to blame all Filipinos for Mrs. Quezon's death. To him she was "the victim of our senseless strifes, our petty rivalries, our selfish ambitions."

At the same time, through the very poor acoustics of the cathedral, a soft but sharp slap at the Philippine government was heard. "Respect for government can not be given," said the Jesuit. "It must be earned. And the price is justice."

In belated editorials on the Philippine tragedy, the *Christian Science Monitor* (Boston) and the *Washington Star* played up the Hukbalahap angle. The *Monitor* saw no political motivation in the senseless killing of Mrs. Quezon and others and said it would be a mistake "to put the incident into the framework of worldwide ideological conflict," while the *Star* pointed out that the ambush was no chance hold-up.

Noting a strong tradition of banditry in most Far Eastern countries, the *Monitor* warned: "To think of irresponsible gangs of malcontents in terms of a tightly knit, Moscow-directed party is to be very naive. Disbanded and dispossessed Huks are more likely to find their philosophy in their marksmanship than in Marx."

The reports from Manila logically suggested to the *Star* that the assassins were members of the Huk movement, which is directed by communist Luis Taruc. "It is therefore not necessary to conclude that the order for the ambush was explicitly given by Taruc himself," the *Star* said. "But its aim was in line with the Huk policy of violence and terrorism... Perhaps the revulsion of public opinion against this wanton killing... will enable the government to deal more decisively with this endemic threat to the nation's peace and stability."

Justice Lim Prefers Serving PI Red Cross To Entering Politics

The responsibility that rests on his shoulders as acting chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, following the death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, makes it impossible for him to enter politics, Justice Manuel Lim said in his letter to the *Chronicle* the other day.

Justice Lim's letter reads in full:

"The metropolitan dailies last May 13 mentioned my name, among others, as one of those selected in the national convention of the Liberal Party (Avelino Wing), among whom would finally be chosen the party's senatorial line-up for the coming elections. Much as I value the party's proffer and the honor



M. LIM that accompanies it, circumstances and events as have happened, now militate against the possibility of my entering politics.

"The preponderant factor weighing against this possibility is the fact that Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon, late Chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, has just passed away. Upon her death, the responsibility of stewarding this massive humanitarian organization automatically devolved upon my shoulders. The chairmanship of the Red Cross, even if in an acting capacity, is a call to duty that I cannot shirk, much less abandon, until after such time as Mrs. Quezon's successor shall have been elected.

"If Mrs. Quezon's passing created a vacuum in the national sphere, all the more was it felt by the Red Cross which she so ably served. As PNRG Chairman, Mrs. Quezon was irreplaceable. I frankly admit that the temptation to serve my country politically is great. Yet acceding to that desire would mean relinquishing a task as vital and important as any other national position."

The MANILA CHRONICLE

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Masses to Be Said For Ambush Victims

Through the request of the PNRG Iloilo-Antique chapter, a series of requiem masses will be said for Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her companions, throughout all the churches of the Jaro diocese, on May 20.

The diocese comprises the four provinces of Iloilo, Antique, Capiz and Romblon.

Mrs. Quezon was the chairman of the board of governors and the executive committee of the PNRG and was mainly responsible for the growth of this organization since its independence.



MANILA BULLETIN, TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 17, 1949

HIGH MASS SET FOR MRS. QUEZON

BUENOS AIRES, May 16 (UP) —The Philippine legation has scheduled a high mass to be said Monday morning in memory of the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon.

Philippine Minister Narciso Ramos extended invitations to officials and dignitaries headed by Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Arturo Mane, the Papal Nuncio Cardinal Miguel Fieta, Archbishop Luis Copello of Buenos Aires and other ranking diplomats.

The Manila Times

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1949

Women's Clubs Offer Mass For Quezons

A solemn requiem mass offered for the late Mrs. Aurora Quezon, Baby Quezon and Philip Buenacmino III will be held today, May 17, at 7 a. m. at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral. Most Rev. Rufino J. Santos D.D. Auxiliary Bishop of Manila will officiate and Very Rev. Wm. Masterson, S. J. president of the Ateneo de Manila will deliver the eulogy.

The musical numbers will be furnished by Amihan Musical society and the Manila chamber music to be accompanied by the Philippine Const. band under the direction of Lt. Jose Campana. Mrs. Nella Manalo Concordia will render a vocal solo "Liberame" by Marcelo Adonay and the Amihan Musical Society and the Manila Chamber of Music will sing the chorus—"Dies Irae" and "Lacrimosa" from the "Requiem Mass" by Mozart. Prof. Jose Coroninas will render another vocal solo.

The National Federation of Women's Clubs is in charge of the arrangements, with Mrs. Emilia Q. de Lim as over all chairman and Mrs. Marie H. Tambuatco, chairman of the musical numbers.

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WASHINGTON REMEMBERS.—A requiem high mass was held on May 3 at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew in memory of Mrs. Quezon, her daughter, Maria Aurora, and son-in-law, Philip Buencamino III. The presence of high-ranking American officials besides a large number of Filipinos and other friends showed the deep affection and esteem in which the Quezon family was held by the people of the United States. Pictured above as they left the church are US Ambassador Myron M. Cowen, Philippine Ambassador Joaquin M. Elizalde and Maj. Gen. Albert M. Jones.

Mountaineers Want To Join Hunt



ILONGOT tribesmen (shown above) have trekked all the way from the mountains on the Nueva Ecija-Nueva Vizcaya border to offer their services to Pantabangan Chief of Police Epifanio Gonzalez as guides for government forces now in an intensive hunt for the killers of Mrs. Quezon. (Photo by I. S. Valmonte).

Mass Scheduled For Mrs. Quezon

The Manuel L. Quezon Educational Institution operating the MLQ School of Law and sister colleges is sponsoring a requiem mass for Doña Aurora A. Quezon on Saturday, May 21, at 7:30 a.m. at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral. His Excellency, Rufino J. Santos, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Manila will officiate.

The Centro Escolar University chorus and orchestra under the direction of Prof. Antonio J. Molina will furnish the music. Prof. Asuncion L. Lopez will

sing "El Penitente" by Eslava. She will be assisted by the C.E.U. Orchestra. Prof. Basilisa Gerónimo will be the accompanist.

The Manila Times

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1949

Huk Admits Ambush Guilt

Peace Justice Hears Suspect; Town Raided

Special to The MANILA TIMES
CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 18.—Huk Pvt. Pedro Manantan picked up sometime ago following the Quezon ambush, this morning in court admitted his participation in the ambush-slaying of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and 11 others at Bongabon last month.

The 26-year-old Huk, during the preliminary investigation by Cabanatuan Justice of the Peace Gregorio Cadhit appeared unaffected by the gravity of the charge of multiple murder filed against him and 14 others.

The courthouse was jam-packed by people curious to witness the proceedings as well as to see the uncouth young man whose ragged figure became familiar to newspaper readers all over the country since a week ago.

Huk Commander Douglas, one of the accused, was killed recently in barrio Valle, Talavera when the village was subjected to heavy shelling by Col. Valeriano's Nenita Unit, according to an unconfirmed report.

Before admitting his guilt before Judge Cadhit and Fiscal Emilio Cecilio, the prosecutor, Manantan was reminded of his constitutional right to avail himself of the services of an attorney. The Huk, however, replied he was ready for the preliminary investigation without benefit of counsel.

Accordingly, the judge remanded Manantan's case to the court of first instance. Manantan was denied bail.

Maj. Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, retired chief of staff, AFP, and Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing, two of the survivors in the ambush and who were earlier listed as prosecution witnesses, failed to appear at the investigation.

Meanwhile, Mayor Romualdo Estillori of Talugtog today reported to Gov. Juan O. Chico that two large Huk bands sacked his town Sunday night and on the morning of the same day raided barrio Saverona carting away one of the biggest hauls bagged by Huks in recent weeks.

The mayor appealed to the governor for reenforcement of the PC detachment in his town to ward off another possible Huk attack. He reported some 200 Huks swooped down on the town at 7 Sunday night driving the people into a panic.

A joint PC-police force of 40 men gallantly defended the government barracks but the Huks stayed away from the vicinity of the barracks and devoted their time to sacking the houses.

During the orgy of plunder lasting for three hours, the dissidents made a total haul of 65 sacks of rice, 62 carabaos, cash, jewelry and clothes whose aggregate value has not been estimated. During the exchange of fire, three civilians and a Huk were wounded, according to the mayor.

The same morning another band raided barrio Saverona looted 70 houses and kidnaped Claudio Gapaz, a high school student. Gapaz' bullet-riddled body was later found in an isolated place.

At A PC COMMAND POST SOMEWHERE IN NORTHERN BULACAN, May 18.—A civilian was killed several Huks were believed killed or wounded in two Huk raids in the barrios of Pasongcallos and

Pulo, San Rafael, this province last night.

A group of Hukbalahaps attempted to attack the 90th PC detachment at barrio Pulo about 9 o'clock last night. When the Huks were 20 meters from the detachment, the constabulary fired machine-guns in their direction. The Huks retreated in different directions. Blood stains were found in the area this morning.

At 10 last night dissidents under Commander Magpayo raided barrio Pasongcallos, San Rafael killing Nicanor de Eelen a civilian and taking away three carabaos owned by De Beien.

Lt. Alfredo M. Gonzales, commanding officer of the 90th PC, ordered the civilian guards of San Rafael to conduct 24-hour patrols for the protection of the civilians.

The six constabulary companies under the overall command of Major Crispino M. de Castro continue operations against the Huks in the outlying barrios of Nirzagaray, San Rafael, San Ildefonso and San Miguel.

Tondo YLAC Unit To Hold Mass For Quezon

A requiem mass for the repose of the souls of the late Doña Aurora A. Quezon, Maria Aurora "Baby" Quezon, will be said at the Tondo Catholic church on Sunday, May 22, at 8:00 in the morning. The mass will be officiated by Mons. Jose Jovellanos, vicar general and spiritual adviser of the Tondo YLAC unit which will sponsor the mass.

All officers and members of the unit are enjoined to attend and come in uniform.



MANILA BULLETIN, THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 19, 1949

AMBUSHER PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE

(Special to the Bulletin)

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 18. — One of the Huks responsible for the ambush of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her party last April 23 pleaded guilty to a charge of multiple murder when arraigned this morning before Judge Gregorio Cadhit of the justice of the peace court.

Pedro Manantan, 26, self-confessed member of the Quezon killers, admitted that he was a member of the 7th Huk battalion under Major Paredes. Among those who participated in the ambush of Mrs. Quezon's party, Manantan enumerated, were: Col. Alexander Viernes, alias Stalin; Col. Mauricio Razon, alias Ramson; Major Paulino Viernes, alias Liwayway; Major Crisanto Marzo, Major Paredes, Commander Luningning, Commander Aladin, Commander Mulong, one Viray and one Sagsa.

In the multiple murder charge filed recently by Lt. Fidel Amante, intelligence officer of the Nueva Ecija PC command, all the persons cited by Manantan as having participated in the ambush were also named defendants. Warrants for their arrest were issued this morning by Judge Cadhit.

All the accused were charged with the killing of Mrs. Quezon, Baby Quezon, Mayor Ponciano Bernardo of Quezon City, Major Primitivo San Agustin, Col. Antonio San Agustin, Philip Buencamino III, Lt. Dominador Arabejo, Lt. Diosdado Lazam, Julian Molina, Pedro Payumo, Corporal Quirino Almarines and Pfc. Brigido Valdez; and the wounding of Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, Capt. Olimpio Manalang and Cpl. Severino Raymond.

Manantan told investigators that prior to the ambush he and his companions had waylaid around 30 freight trucks and jeeps. The ambush, according to Manantan, planned jointly by Majors Paredes, Liwayway and Ramson and Commanders Luningning, Aladin and Marzo.

After the ambush, all those who had participated separated and assembled two days later at Malungoy mountain, he added.

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*Second Son Born
To Nini Buencamino*

A posthumous son was born to Mrs. Philip Buencamino III (nee Nini Quezon) early this morning at the Our Lady of Lourdes hospital. Attending the mother was Dr. Constantino Manahan. The child is the second boy of Mrs. Buencamino.

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Bares Huk Plan



NINI QUEZON-BUENCAMINO fondly holds an unfinished beadsread which her mother, Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, started to knit in Manila. "It is mother's" she exclaimed upon pulling it out of a previously unidentified bag which was one of the ten recovered by the Constabulary from the ambush scene and turned over to the Red Cross which made the delivery yesterday. In the picture, left to right, are: Dr. J. Yanzon, PNRC manager, Dr. Jesus Salumbides, Dr. Manuel Lim, acting PNRC chairman, Mrs. Ponciano Bernardo, Nini, Dr. Jose Carillo, and Josefina Bernardo. (PNRC Photo).



MARIANO SIBAYAN
Captured...he tells all

unit which captured him, also revealed Huk's guerrilla tactical plans which were being carried out successfully before the current government offensive was started.

Mount Guinat, a low mountain peak northwest of Rizal with fertile valleys around its base, was claimed by Sibayan as the main stronghold of Col. de Leon, overall Huk commander in this province. Here, around 1,000 Huks, including 30 women, were leading normal lives until the Quezon massacre occurred.

Around 70 semi-permanent barracks were being used by the Huks which were equipped with the facilities of average homes in the lowlands. They even had several radio sets for recreational and intelligence purposes.

The small valleys around the base were being cultivated "caingin" style for secondary crops and tubers. Sibayan revealed Col. de Leon had also made plans for planting the early varieties of palay this coming rainy season.

Wide areas near the top of the Mount were cleared for drilling purposes and as playgrounds. Col. de Leon always takes personal interest in the rigid training of the Huks in guerrilla warfare, Sibayan further told this correspondent.

The capture of Mount Guinat by government forces less than two weeks ago supported Sibayan's revelations as around 70 huts were found atop the stronghold, including the drilling grounds and the areas planted with secondary crops around the base.

All these Huk mountain lairs have been cleared up by government assault troops after they were blasted by long range guns and heavy mortar fire.

The remnants of their former occupants were revealed by Sibayan to be escaping towards Cagayan Valley, together with the main bulk of the remaining effective strength of other squadrons in Central Luzon. Sibayan said Col. de Leon is at the head of this escaping band which was estimated to be around 2,000 strong.—GAC

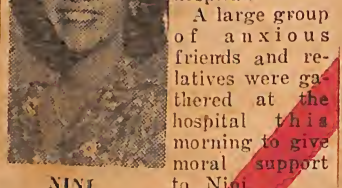
Special to the Chronicle
CABANATUAN, May 19—Nine unidentified Huks, believed to be stragglers from the 6th Battalion on a foraging mission, were surprised and killed the other night by a Nenita unit patrol under Major Mariano Escalona after a brief fighting.

Several serviceable arms, propaganda leaflets and documents were taken by the patrol. The dissident appeared starving with long hairs and tattered clothing, indicating the plight of the Huk remnants in the lowlands.

Meanwhile, Pedro Manantan, only captured member of the Huk band which ambushed Mrs. Quezon and 11 others, yesterday

It's A Boy For Nini

Mrs. Nini Quezon Buencamino III, only surviving daughter of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, gave birth to a baby boy early this morning at a Manila private hospital.



NINI

Her mother, her sister "Baby" and her husband were killed along with nine others, in a Huk ambush last April 23.

Mrs. Quezon's Bags Recovered

The personal effects of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, Maria Aurora (Baby) her daughter, and those of three others who perished in Bongabon, Nueva Ecija, ambush last April 23, were delivered by the Philippine National Red Cross yesterday afternoon to Nini Quezon Buencamino at the Quezon residence at Gilmore Avenue, Quezon City. Dr. Manuel Lim, acting PNRC chairman, headed the Red Cross delegation.

A total of ten bags were recovered and delivered yesterday, two of which belonged to Mrs. Quezon, one to Baby Quezon, two to Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, one to Col. Primitivo San Agustin, one to Col. Antonio San Agustin, one to Lt. D. M. Arabejo, while one was identified as belonging to Hilarion Nebri, driver of Mayor Bernardo. Nebri is one of the survivors.

One of the bags of black alligator skin, originally marked unknown when brought to the Quezon Gilmore residence, was finally identified by Nini when she opened it, as belonging to her mother. "It belongs to mother" Nini exclaimed upon

opening the bag and tenderly pulling out an unfinished beadsread which Mrs. Quezon had apparently started to knit even while in Manila. Presumably, Mrs. Quezon expected to finish the embroidery in Baler. Another previously unidentified small bag was also found by Nini as belonging to Mrs. Quezon.

It was further learned yesterday that the personal effects of Philip Buencamino had been brought to Manila earlier. Nini said that what Philip must have lost were his watch, wallet, camera, and their wedding ring. The jewelry of Mrs. Quezon too is still unrecovered.

PC Men Nip Attack Try

Special to the Chronicle
CABANATUAN, May 19—How the intensive government campaign against the Quezon killers unexpectedly cut short long range plans of the Huk's to lead normal lives in their mountain lairs, principally in Mount Guinat, was revealed yesterday to this correspondent for the first time by Mariano Sibayan, a Huk runner of Col. Jose "Dimasalang" de Leon who was nabbed in San Jose after deserting his unit three days ago.

Sibayan, who is now under the care of Col. Napoleon Valeriano, CO of the famous Nenita

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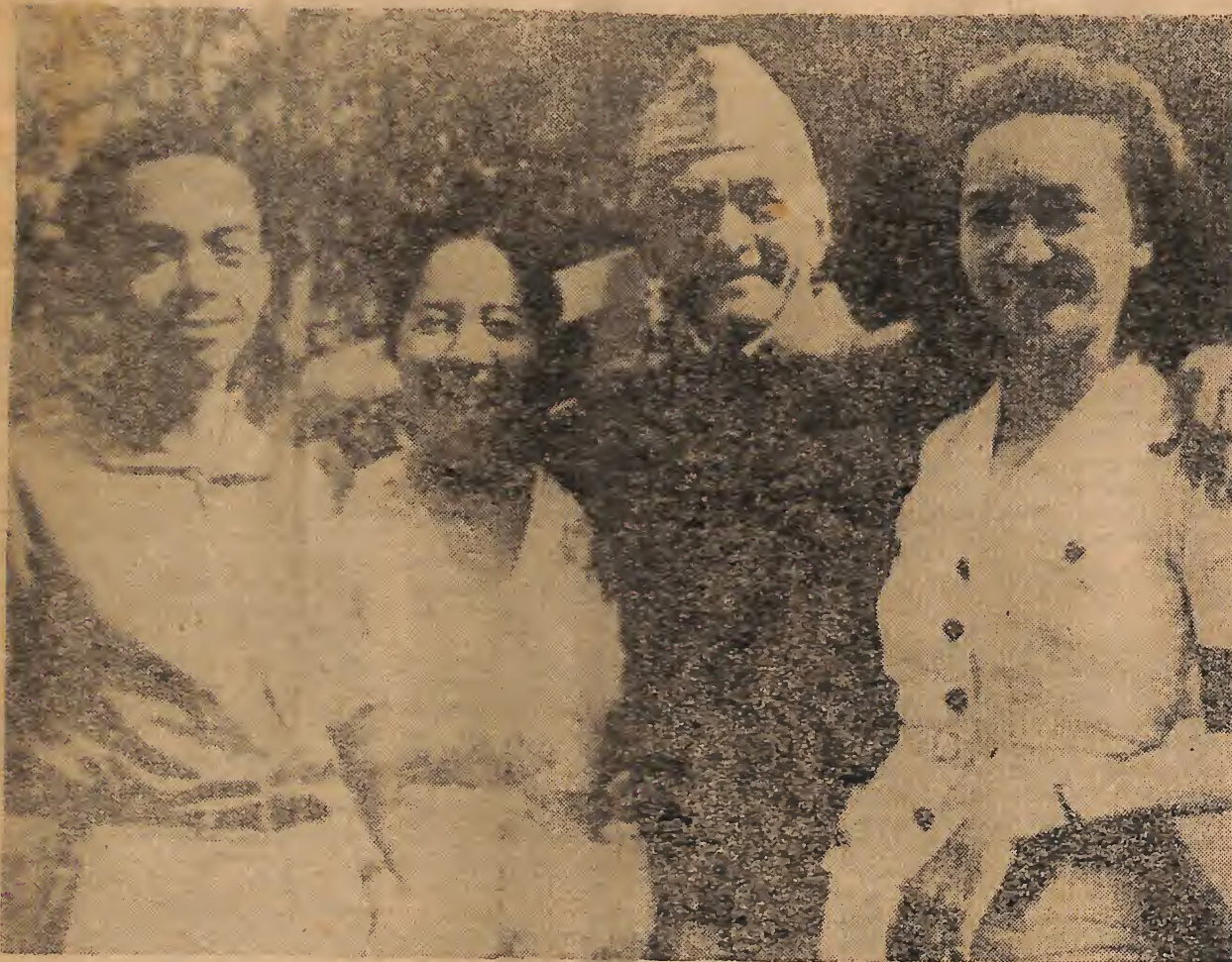
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The Quezons, the lost and the surviving ones, have one thing in common: history. They belonged to the nation.

THE QUEZONS

A personal memoir on the late Quezons by an author who knew them well.

By IGNACIO JAVIER

BY some coincidence I got to know both Doña Aurora and Baby Quezon really well at about the same time, on Corregidor. I had met them before that, of course, but it was only during the first days of that historic siege that I had the privilege of more than a casual acquaintance.

I was on Corregidor at the time awaiting an assignment from General Romulo and President Quezon was kind enough to give me a berth in his own

tunnel. They were days of very great strain and tension. The enemy was bombing Corregidor continuously and the news from the front was bad. The enormous burden of responsibility, together with the dank air of the underground tunnel, made the President haggard and worn.

But I never saw Doña Aurora lose her poise. She was a very pious lady, with a profound faith in God and His saints, and I daresay she found in re-

ligion a secure refuge that even the whine of enemy bombs could not penetrate. She had a small chapel put up at the end of the lateral tunnel where we were staying and there was Mass every day.

The last time I saw her before I left Bataan, she was sitting serenely in the midst of the chatter and clatter of the hospital tunnel, reading the life of Saint Elizabeth, Queen of Hungary. She smiled when I said goodbye and

told me to pray that God should keep and bless us all.

I was very deeply moved because I suddenly remembered my mother in Manila; it was just exactly what she would have told me and my mind gave a start of recognition, made a brief but tender identification between my mother and this pious lady quietly reading the life of a saint.

Baby — she hated to be called Baby — was the child of her father, whom she adored. I have often thought that he never married because she never did find anyone who could measure up to that vivid and gallant genius. She was quarreling with him at that time. She wanted to go to the front.

Baby hated hypocrisy and histrionics and she meant what she said. "She should have been a man," the President told me. I could see he was pleased with her. If it had been left to the two of them, probably he would have let her go and he would have gone with her.

But to headquarters, it was unthinkable. Baby never did get to the front. I told her once she had a masculine mind. She was frank, uncompromising, even ruthless. If she learned anything from her father, it was to have a mind of her own and to say it out loud.

In Bataan I shared the same tent with Philip Buencamino, who was later to marry Nini Quezon. He was the aide of General de Jesus, the chief of the military intelligence section, where I had been assigned. I remember distinctly that one of the first things we ever did was to ride out in the general's command car along the east coast out of pure curiosity.

The enemy's January offensive was turning the USAFFE flank and all along the highway we met retreating units. Then there was nothing: only the open road, the dry and brittle stubble of the abandoned fields, and in the distance the smoke of a burning town. We turned back hurriedly; we had gone too far.

I am afraid we never got any closer to the front lines. Our duties were behind the lines. We were quite close during the entire campaign until I was evacuated to the Corregidor hospital, and I developed a sincere admiration for him. He was a passionate nationalist who could not stomach racial discrimination and I remember him best in a violent quarrel with an American non-commissioned officer whom he considered insolent toward his Filipino superiors.

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The Quezons

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Nationalism was a trait of all the Quezons; it is the secret of their greatness. There was nothing personal in the feeling for they themselves were never in a position where they might be subject to discrimination. But for them it was a matter of principle that the Filipino was just as good as anybody else. Even the serene and gentle Doña Aurora had this intense feeling for the dignity of the race. She insisted for instance on the independence of the Philippine Red Cross.

That is a great part of the tragedy of her death, and of the deaths of Baby and Philip. Surely it is a bitter and shameful irony that they should have died at the hands of their own countrymen, whom they loved so uncompromisingly.

But their death is also tragic because it was dealt to them by those who consider themselves the victims of social injustice. For the administration of Manuel Quezon as first President of the Commonwealth was devoted precisely to the cause of social justice. There is in every man a secret and obscure instinct that gives him warning of his fate, and it is possible that Manuel Quezon had a premonition of tragedy that intensified his great crusade.

He came from the poor and he knew the blind rage that can blaze in the dry and shrivelled hearts of the dispossessed. Perhaps, in the stately halls of Malacañan, he foresaw in a flash of prophecy that bend in a narrow road, the cruel talahib tall as a man the thorny forest, the somber mountains, and then suddenly the ripping slash of a machine-gun.

There are many things that we still do not understand about the tragedy of the Quezons. Was the ambush intended for them or for another? If for them, to what purpose? Was it to shock the country into remembrance that we are still at war, civil war? Was it to complete the discredit of the present administration? Was it pure robbery or indiscriminate reprisal?

Luis Taruc was a frequent visitor in the Quezon house before he took to the field. He had long hours of conversation with Baby, who admired his mind and his inflexible will, so rare among the men she knew.

Taruc has denied that the Huk high command had any designs against the Quezons and has pledged the punishment of those who may have broken
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the "iron discipline" of the Huks. The local Huk commander has, for his part, declared that the ambush was only an ordinary hold-up and that he could have stopped the massacre, if he could.

One thing is sure. We can no longer under-estimate the emotional drive behind the peasant rebellion. Most people,

when they heard of the Baler murders, asked themselves in sincere confusion: But why? How could they do such a thing? How could they shoot down a lady like Doña Aurora and rob her lifeless corpse? She never did them any harm. On the contrary, she tended to

their needs. She begged for them. She fought for them. How could they do it?

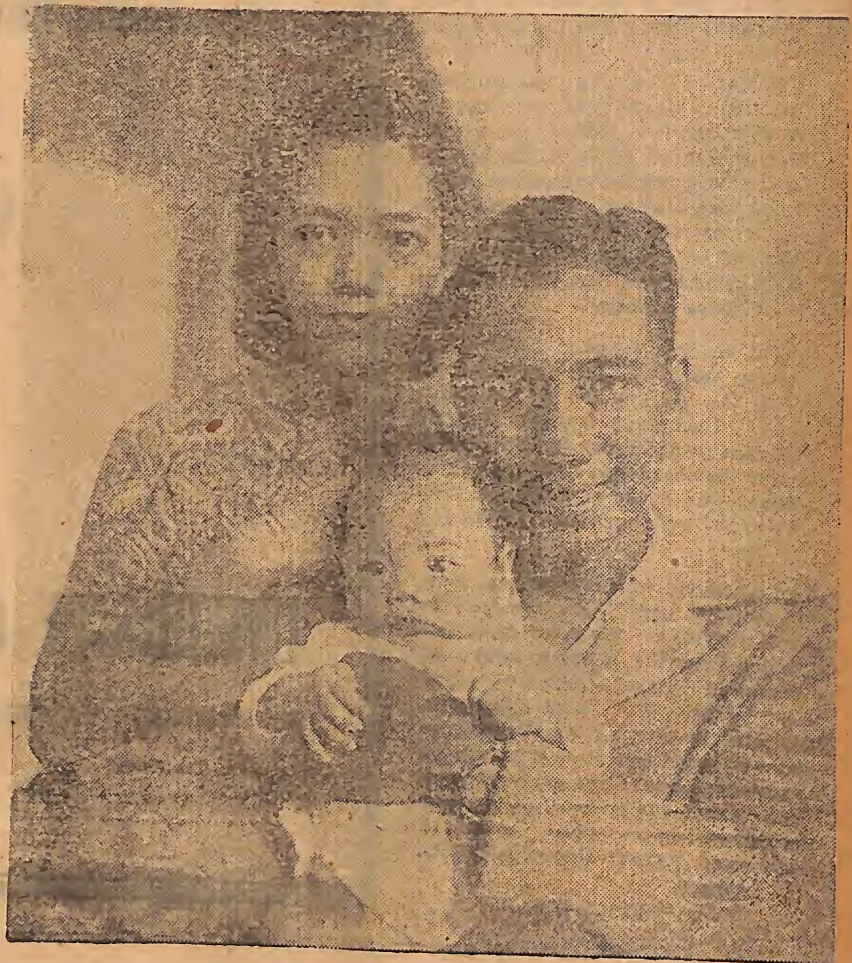
People who ask this have never been hunted. They have never starved and shivered in hiding. They have never felt that the hand of every man is turned against them. But the outcasts of society, or those whom society has made outcasts, no longer recognize any duties to it.

Humanity is their enemy. All of those who have homes while they lack a roof over their heads; who have food on their tables while they must pick the fruits and berries of the forest; who have clothes on their backs while their own rags are torn in the underbrush; who can sleep secure while they must start with panic at the sound of every twig breaking in the night — all these are their enemies.

And they watch for the time when they can hit back, briefly, blindly, but enough to soothe their wild envy and humbled pride; they watch the laborers clearing the winding road; they watch the bright banners of welcome waving in the forbidden towns: — an enemy comes, one of the happy and secure — they watch the long rich plumes of dust sweeping across the gorges from the road — their hand is eager on the smooth barrel of the gun — one more chance to get back at them, no matter who, no matter if the gentle lady in the official car is a friend, for they have no friends, and so they press the trigger. ☆



Two happy families before three lives were suddenly plucked. Above are the late Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and Baby pictured with Nini and Nonong, Jr. Below Nini with her ill-fated husband, Philip Buencamino III, and son, Phillip IV.



In memoriam

Aurora A. Vda. de Quezon

Maria Aurora Quezon

Felipe Buencamino III

HOLY GHOST COLLEGE

A NATION IN MOURNING

"I received the shocking news (the Quezon murder) with the feeling that it was the news of the death of my own mother."

—Pres. **ELPIDIO QUIRINO**

"It was awful."

—Pres. **HARRY S. TRUMAN**

"Only Divine Providence can ever adequately explain to a sorrowing nation the infinite wisdom behind such supreme sacrifice suddenly exacted from heroes who had already given too much to a grateful people."

—Dr. **JOSE P. LAUREL**

"No words will be strong enough to condemn such a horrible crime."

—Ex. Pres. **SERGIO OSMEÑA**

"She contributed in her quiet and modest way immeasurably to complete freedom for the Philippines."

—U.S. Senator **MILLARD TYDINGS**



Biggest crowd assembled for a funeral witnesses last trip of the ill-fated Quezons



The lone survivor of the Quezon car—retired Maj. Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, told the stunned nation how cold-blooded men mowed down Doña Aurora and members of her party. He escaped death by a little less than a miracle.

THE DEAD

1. Mrs. Aurorá Aragon Quezon
2. Miss Mariá Aurora (Baby) Quezon
3. Felipe Buencamino, III
4. Mayor Ponciano Bernardo
5. Col. Primitivo San Agustin
6. Col. Antonio San Agustin
7. Lt. Joaquin R. Lasam
8. Lt. Juan Molina
9. Lt. D. Marabejo
10. Cpl. Quirino Almárines
11. Cpl. Brigido Valdez
12. Pedro Payomo, Quezon family cook

THE WOUNDED

1. General Rafael Jalandoni
2. Capt. Olimpío Manalang
3. Cpl. Raymundo Silverio

In Memoriam

Aurora Aragon Vda. de Quezon

Maria Aurora Quezon

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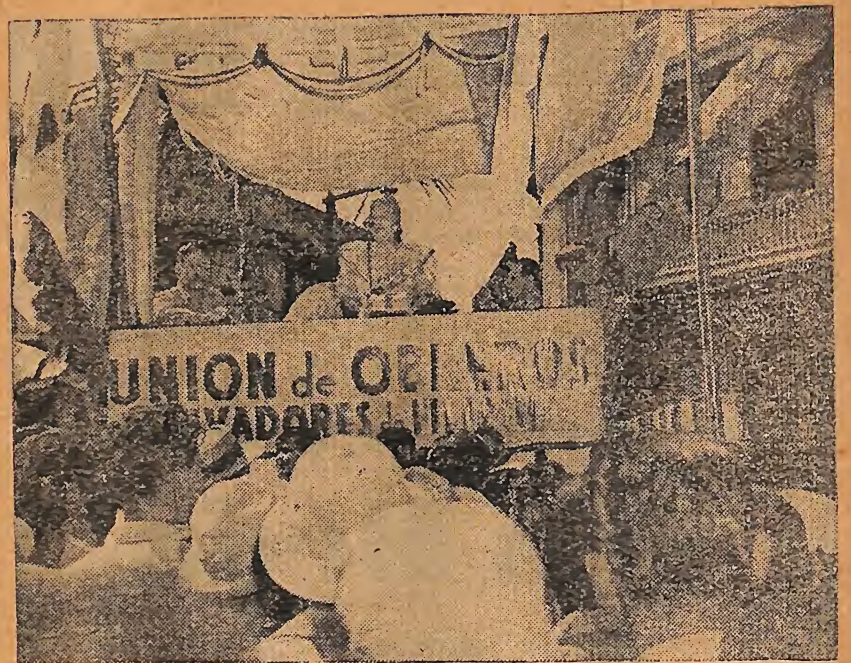
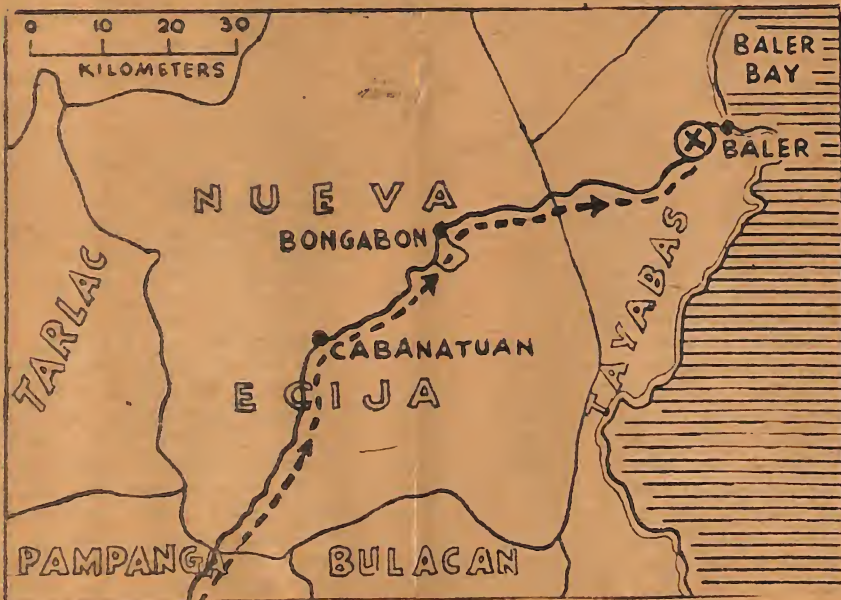


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Mrs. Quezon was a tireless crusader for the underdogs. Photos above show her at a labor rally and while doing her duties as PNRC chairman. It was a towering irony that she met death at the hands of the very people she loved so much. Map below shows the exact spot where the tragedy occurred



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MARIA AURORA QUEZON

FELIPE BUENCAMINO III

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MANILA, PHILIPPINES, FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1949

Offer 'Novena' For Mrs. Quezon

The Catholic Women's League, Mater Dolorosa unit 2, of Rizal City, will offer a novena to the memory of the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and members of her party who were killed after a Huk ambushade at the Quezon-Nueva Ecija border.

The novena will start at 6:30 a.m. today with a mass at the Mater Dolorosa church on F. B. Harrison, Rizal City, and will end on Friday, May 29. A high mass at 6:30 a.m. of that day will mark the closing of the novena.

Members of the family, friends and sympathizers of the ambushade victims have been invited to attend.

A requiem mass will be offered tomorrow morning, Saturday, for Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral at 7:30 a.m., under the sponsorship of the Manuel L. Quezon Educational Institution, operating the MLQ School of Law and sister colleges.

The Centro Escolar University choir and orchestra conducted by Prof. Antonio Molina will furnish the music during the mass. Prof. Asuncion Lopez will render Eslava's "El Penitente," assisted by the CEU orchestra and accompanied by Prof. Basilia Geronimo.

TOWNLIFE

By Corazon Grau Villanueva

A piece of news that travelled quickly and very fast yesterday was about Nini Quezon Buencamino and her brand new baby boy, her second. Reports yesterday were to the effect that she was installed in Room 10, 2nd Floor, of the very attractive Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Santa Mesa. Nini was supposed to have occupied the hospital's best room, the special suite on the third floor—if she had had her baby sooner. This was a couple of weeks ago, and at that time the special suite received a lot of extra attention, plus a change of furniture. Dr. Casas himself saw to the "decoration" of the room. On Hospital Day though, the special suite was occupied by pretty Tese Arrastia Brias, Enrique Brias' wife, and baby, a girl, who was born in the evening of that day. The 12th was a good day for the hospital—it received first prize as the best among the many good ones we have in Manila and the suburbs today. The prize was a big cup donated by Oceanic Commercial and of course everyone connected with the staff was happy about it. President Quirino sent a beautiful basket of flowers to the hospital in congratulation.

We suppose that among the countless flowers Nini has received and will continue receive and will continue receiving for a couple of weeks will be a beautiful floral arrangement bearing the card of both Tito and Elvira Manahan. This popular couple are good friends of Nini, and also, Tito happens to be Nini's doctor.

2nd Boy Born To Nini Buencamino

A baby boy, the second in the family, was born early yesterday morning to Mrs. Nini Quezon Buencamino III, only surviving daughter of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and widow of Felipe Buencamino III.



NINI

The blessed event came 21 days after her mother, her sister "Baby" and her husband were killed with nine others in a Huk ambushade on the highway to Baler last April 28.

A large group of friends and relatives trooped to the hospital yesterday to extend Nini their moral support.



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Gov't Car In Which Quezons Met Death To Be Preserved

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JOSE ANTONIO BORN TO NINI BUENCAMINO

Mrs. Philip Buencamino, III, is resting well at the Lourdes Hospital following the birth yesterday morning of her second son, Jose Antonio.

Mrs. Buencamino is the former Maria Zeneida (Nini) Quezon. Her husband was killed in the ambushade in Nueva Ecija last month together with her mother, Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her sister, Baby, and nine others. Mrs. Buencamino and her brother, Nonong, are the only surviving members of the family of the late President Manuel L. Quezon.

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VIGILANCE

ARTEMIO MARTINEZ, 1442 Otis, Manila.—Mrs. Quezon, whose life was moulded to the highest ideals of citizenship, service and character, died—a martyr of lawlessness—to reinforce the impelling drive for peace. The historic truth: "We cannot save men from death but by risking it for them," comes to mind with her tragic passing; for it set off the powder for constructive thinking that, behind and beyond all the turning and twisting of political intrigue is the all-important fact that the Filipino people are "entitled to life, liberty, etc."

Constant vigilance should be the watchword of our legislators that they may seize every opportunity each day to sow the seed for a social order which will give our citizens the assurance of peace and security in the future. They must labor to this end.

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MANILA, PHILIPPINES, SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1949

Two More Quezon Ambushers Held

Two members of the ambush responsible for the massacre of Doña Aurora-Aragon Quezon and 11 others on the road to Baler were captured Thursday and Wednesday in Nueva Ecija, the Manila Times correspondent in Nueva Ecija reported yesterday.

Meanwhile, Pedro Manantan the first member of the ambush to yield to the authorities entered a plea of guilty in the preliminary investigation yesterday.

Special to The MANILA TIMES
CABANATUAN, May 20.—A third member of the ambush responsible for the massacre of Doña Aurora-Aragon-Quezon and 11 others on the road to Baler was captured yesterday in barrio Macapising, Rizal, by the famed Nenita Unit under the command of Lt. Col. Napoleon Valeriano.

Taken to the headquarters of Colonel Valeriano, Benjamin Castillo, confessed that he was a mem-

ber of the ambush, but that he was assigned a position some 100 yards from the actual scene of the massacre. Castillo was believed, nevertheless, to have been able to give the PC important information on the whereabouts and strength of the ambush.

Most of Castillo's testimony was devoted to a shocking revelation of the torture which Cpl. Patricio Dilag of the 1st Combat Team, PC, was made to undergo by the ambush. Castillo said that the same group held up trucks in Sitio Cambitala Rizal on April 31. Corporal Dilag was captured and shot, but before his execution, his ears and nose were cut off by his captors, according to Castillo.—G.

Special to The MANILA TIMES
CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 20.—Another member of the band which staged the Quezon ambush on April 28 was apprehended the other day by constabulary soldiers while Pedro Manantan the first member to surrender to the authorities, entered a plea of guilty during the preliminary investigation conducted in Cabanatuan by Justice of the Peace Gregorio Cadhit.

Antonio Reyes, 21, was captured by Capt. Dominador Alo, commanding officer of Company A, First Battalion, in a sawmill at barrio Salabusob, Bongabong. Investigation showed that Antonio Reyes was a member of the Huk ambushade. However, he declared that before the fatal ambush he was a sawmill laborer working under a certain Tomacruz, and that while he was taking a bath in Salabusob Creek he was kidnaped by Maj. Paulino Viernes alias "Liwayway" and taken to the scene of the ambushade.

On the night of April 27, Antonio Reyes continued, he was ordered to cook for the Huk band and the following morning he was given a Garand rifle. He admitted having used the whole clip of bullets during the ambushade although he claimed that he had fired into the air.

The following day, while his companions were dividing the loot among themselves, Antonio Reyes was able to escape and return to his sawmill. However, he never told his employer about his connection with the ambushade.

The name of Antonio Reyes was included in the complaint for multiple murders filed against the known authors of the ambushade.

Meanwhile, Lt. Fidel Amante Jr., intelligence and investigation officer of this province, today filed with the court of first instance a complaint for robbery with homicide against the perpetrators of the Tabuating hold-up on the night of April 23. Included in the complaints are former Mayor Bonifacio Santos of Sta. Rosa, Commander Aleman, Huk privates Jaquin San Diego, alias Guevara, and one Villa.

The complaint was based on information that the accused took part in the holdup at barrio Tabuating, Sta. Rosa, in which boy scouts from the Arellano University were the victims. The hold-up, it was pointed out, resulted in the death of Alejandro Apordo, a PC enlisted man, during an armed engagement which resulted after the incident.

When brought before Judge Gregorio Cadhit, Silvino Ignacio declared under oath that he was kidnaped by Commander Aleman and was forced to join the hold-up. He was pointed to Mayor Bonifacio Santos as the one of the hold-up men.

GSP Mass For "Baby"

The second biennial girl scout convention will be opened at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25 with the holding of a requiem mass for the late Maria Aurora Quezon, at the Philippine Women's University chapel on Taft Avenue.

Miss Quezon was chairman of the Central Committee, GSP and had planned to take a prominent part in this gathering of Girl scouts from all parts of the Islands.

The mass will be conducted by the Rev. Father Masterson, who is a member of the National Advisory Council, GSP.

It is expected that all delegates and visitors to the Convention as well as friends of the girl scouts will attend.

Requiem Mass Today

A Requiem Mass for Doña Aurora A. Quezon, sponsored by the Manuel L. Quezon School of Law and sister colleges, will be held today, Saturday, at 7:30 a. m. at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral.

His Excellency, Rufino J. Santos, D.D., auxiliary bishop of Manila will officiate.

Lt. Amante announced that Silvino Ignacio will be utilized as a government witness in the trial against Mayor Santos and his companions. A warrant for the arrest of Mayor Santos and his co-accused was accordingly issued by Judge Cadhit.—G.

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Two Huks Accused Of Quezon Slaying

Special to the Chronicle

CABANATUAN, May 20 — Two members of the blood-thirsty Quezon killers were brought today before the justice of the peace court on charges of multiple murder in connection with the massacre of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and 11 members of her party along the Bongabong-Baler highway last month.

Accused before the JP court for preliminary investigation are Benjamin Castillo and Antonio Reyes. The duo were nabbed by PC forces near the scene of the ambush.

Castillo confessed to his participation in the appalling Quezon massacre when grilled at the Valeriano headquarters by PC investigators. However, he said that he was much behind the ambush front and could not give a clear version of the ambush. He disclosed that Cpl. Patricio Dilag of the 1st combat team was tortured by the Huks before he was killed. Dilag was a member of the Quezon escort party who was kidnaped by the Huks.

Reyes was arrested in Salabusub where he claimed he returned after escaping from the Huks while they were splitting their loot.—gac



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AMBUSER OF MRS. QUEZON PLEADS GUILTY. Pedro Mananta, 26, of the 8th Huk battalion, pleaded guilty to a charge of multiple murder for the ambush of Mrs. Quezon and her party. Mananta was the first of three Huks caught in connection with the ambush. In the picture are Fiscal Emilio Cecilio, Mananta, and Judge Gregorio Cadjit of Nueva Ecija.

3 Ambushers Of Mrs. Quezon Caught; Taruc Escapes PC Encirclement

(Special to the Bulletin)

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 20.—Three Hukbalahaps who participated in the ambush of Mrs. Quezon and her party have fallen into the hands of the constabulary.

Benjamin Castillo was picked up yesterday by agents of the Nenita unit at barrio Macapsing, Rizal municipality. Last Thursday, Antonio Reyes, 21, another member of the ambush gang was caught by the constabulary at barrio Salabusob, Bongabong.

The first member of Huk band of ambushers to fall into the hands of the PC was Pedro Mananta, who had already pleaded guilty to a charge of multiple murder.

At the headquarters of Col. Napoleon Valeriano, overall commander of the current anti-Huk campaign, Castillo readily admitted he was with the band that murdered Mrs. Quezon and her companions. He claimed, however, that he was far from the firing line and therefore could not furnish any details.

Antonio Reyes, 21, admitted that he was with the ambush party. He claimed, however, that he was not a real Huk since he was kidnaped last April 27 and forced to join the squadron of Commander Paulino Viernes.

Reyes claimed he was armed

with a Garand rifle at the Quezon ambush and that he fired a whole clip of bullets but aimed his gun where he could hit nobody.

TARUC ELUDES PC AT GUINIAT OPERATIONS

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 19.—A 13-year old Huk who surrendered yesterday to the Philippine constabulary disclosed today that Huk Supremo Taruc was among the top ranking Huk leaders who escaped entrapment by the PC during the operation at Guinat mountain.

Justo Balajadia, of the 8th Huk battalion, surrendered yesterday to the patrol of the 94th PC company under Lt. Moro Paucan at barrio Garambul, Rizal. Recovering from malaria, Balajadia crawled to the PC outpost and gave himself up with his carbine.

Among the other top leaders of the Huks who escaped from the PC trap, according to Balajadia, were: Col. Jose de Leon, alias Dimasalang, over-all Huk commander of this province; Col. Mauricio Razon, alias Ramson, and Major Sagasa.

The young Huk related that he had been forced to join the Huk organization at gunpoint by 30 dissidents. He said he had been trained in guerrilla warfare and was later utilized as an intelligence man.

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SECOND QUEZON KILLER CAPTURED—Benjamin Castillo (right), second member of the Quezon killers to fall into the hands of the famous Nenita unit under Col. Napoleon Valeriano. He is being investigated in the above photo at the Nenita headquarters where he admitted participation in the Quezon massacre.

Hurl Dragnet As Huks Flee

Special to the Chronicle

CABANATUAN, May 21—A heavy screen of 105 mm shells was thrown the whole day yesterday across the path of Huk Supremo Luis Taruc and his 2,000 followers who have been reported concentrating in the vicinity of Carranglan in their mass flight to Cagayan Valley.

Lt. Col. Napoleon Valeriano was personally directing the heavy shelling of areas north of Carranglan where Taruc's men have been observed during the last two days.

Carranglan Mayor Teodorico Padilla told Col. Valeriano that Taruc and his men planned to enter Carranglan for much needed supplies before crossing the Sierra Madre and Caraballo mountains for Cagayan Valley.

PC assault troops will attack in several waves early this morning, the Huks positions having been reportedly pinpointed by several Huk captives now under the care of Col. Valeriano.

Other units of government forces were also dispatched near the Nueva Ecija-Nueva Viscaya boundary to intercept any Huk unit which may escape Col. Valeriano's dragnet around Carranglan. Observation planes are being used to observe the northward movements of Taruc and his men.

Meanwhile, further questioning of Jaso Balahadia, the 13-year-old Huk intelligence operative captured by Capt. Tommy Misayan of the 94th PC Company in Rizal three days ago, revealed Taruc had been holding frequent conferences of his top ranking commanders in Mount Guiniatan last month.

In these conferences, Taruc repeatedly promised the arrival of foreign aid this month in an effort to hold up the waning morale of his followers.

Balahadia stated there are several boys in Taruc's outfit, mostly eight to 15 years old, who are used as intelligence operatives as they are seldom noticed by government authorities.—GAC

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HUK CAPTURE BEING REENACTED—Two soldiers of the famous Nenita unit reconstruct the capture of Benjamin Castillo (with raised hands), third of the Quezon killers to fall into PC hands.—V.

2 More Own Part In Quezon Ambush

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 21 (ENS).—Benjamin Castillo, 22, and Antonio Reyes, 21, have been nabbed by the constabulary for alleged participation in the ambush on Mrs. Quezon's party. There are now three men, the first being Pedro Manantan, to fall into the government dragnet since the punitive campaign aimed at getting the killers of Mrs. Quezon was launched.

Antonio Reyes was captured by Capt. Dominador Alo of the 1st battalion combat team last Wednesday at barrio Salabusob, Bongabon.

Reyes claimed he is not a real Huk, having been forced to join the organization and inducted into the ranks of Paulino Liwayway Viernes on April 27, according to constabulary report. The same report disclosed that Reyes admitted he was armed with a Garand at the time of the ambush on Mrs. Quezon's party but that while he exhausted a whole clip of bullets he had fired in the air.

When the Huks were dividing their loot, Reyes stated, he sneaked away and returned to the Salabusob mill where he was employed.

Benjamin Castillo was captured Thursday at barrio Macabasing, Rizal town. The constabulary reported that he admitted his participation in the ambush but claimed he was 200 yards from the front lines and was unable to see what was actually happening.

Castillo related how Cpl. Patricio Delag of the 1st battalion combat team was tortured and executed by the Huks in Mt. Guiniat. Delag was in one of the buses held up by Huks belonging to the ambush group in barrio Gambitalla, Rizal, on April 30.

Lt. Fidel Amante, constabulary prosecutor, indicated he will take steps to have Castillo and Reyes included in the criminal proceedings against the ambush group.

Amante yesterday commenced prosecution for robbery with homicide against former Santa Rosa Mayor Bonifacio Santos and Huk chieftains Aleman, Joaquin, and San Diego for participation in the Tabuating holdup on the night of April 25, where the outlaws killed Pvt. Alejandro Apardo.

Santos appeared before Judge Cadhit for preliminary investigation and although he claimed that he was forced to join the Huks he admitted he was holding an automatic rifle during the holdup.—V

Froth 'N Frillery

By ROSARIO MENCAS QUEROL

FRIENDS of Nini Buencamino who've gone to Our Lourdes hospital to see how she and her baby were doing say that the new arrival looks every inch a chip off the Quezon block... Nini's room on the second floor has been turned into a fragrant bower of all sorts of flower, brought by thoughtful visitors.

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Among those who dropped in on Nini yesterday were Doña Trining Roxas, Mrs. Vicente Carmona, Jenny Araneta Neri and hubby, Sal (the couple proudly showed the picture of their baby to other visitors), Lulu Reyes (who is amused at rumors that she intends to enter the convent), Gin Mata and Nena Pamintuan who stayed the whole day with Nini.

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The Sunday Times

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, MAY 22, 1949

Civic Leaders Hold Mass For Mrs. Quezon

With high government officials and civic leaders attending, a requiem mass for Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon was held yesterday morning, May 21, at the San Miguel Pro-Cathedral, at 7:30 o'clock, with Mons. Rufino Santos, auxiliary bishop of Manila, officiating.

The mass was sponsored by the regents, chancellor, faculty and student body of the Manuel L. Quezon Educational Institution, with the Centro Escolar University furnishing the orchestral and choral accompaniment under the direction of Prof. Antonio J. Molina. Among those attending were:

Manuel "Nonong" Quezon Jr., son of the late President and Mrs. Quezon, Dr. Jose P. Laurel, Collector and Mrs. Bibiano L. Meer, Director Manuel Carreón, Dr. Manuel Lim, Dr. Felipe Adriano, Dr. Deogracias Castañeda,

Dean Hermenegildo Reyes, Dean Agustin Alonzo, Dean Luz A. Zafra, Dean and Mrs. Leoncio B. Monzon, Prof. and Mrs. Ramon F. Sunico, Dr. Luis Alandy, Dr. and Mrs. Anselmo Claudio, Mrs. Amparo Angara, Mrs. Emilia Aragon, Mrs. Enriqueta Amador, Mrs. and Mrs. Jesus Alvendia, Prof. A. J. Molina, Mauricio Pimentel, and others.

The soloists in the CEU choral musical offering during the service were Miss Rosy Farol, who sang Santiago's *Ave Maria*; Miss Lipar Mella, Bizet's *Agnus Dei*; Amanda Manalo, Bach's *Come Sweet Death*; and Mrs. Asuncion Loanco Lopez, H. Esclava's *Penitente*.

Something To Talk About

DOINGS

The YLAC which suffered a great loss recently is beginning to get on its feet again with Lulu Reyes taking over where Baby Quezon left off. However, as soon as Nini is well enough to go about the YLAC way, she will carry on her sister's work with this big charitable institution. Here's wishing the YLAC more power.

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Memorial Program

The next bi-monthly program of the National Federation of Women's Clubs of the Philippines over radio station DZFM on Wednesday, May 25, from 5:15 to 5:30 p.m. will be dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon. Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, NFWC president, will be the speaker. Miss Leonila T. Solitaria, soprano, accompanied by Miss Lucy Nico, pianist, will sing *Canto Patriótico de Maria Clara* by J. Hernandez and *Last Rose of Summer*.

The Manila Times

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, MONDAY, MAY 23, 1949



President Quirino is shown receiving at the Malacañan study room His Eminence Norman Thomas Cardinal Gilroy of Sydney, Australia, who, with a party of churchmen, paid a courtesy call on the President yesterday afternoon. Left to right are: Col. Joseph Koch, PHIBCOM chief of chaplains, Major Joaquin Hidalgo, Malacañan aide, Cardinal Gilroy, President Quirino, Bishop Rufino Santos, and one of the church visitors.

Australian Cardinal Here On Quick Visit, Sees Quirino

By MANUEL B. SALAK, Jr.

His Eminence Norman Thomas Cardinal Gilroy (cardinal priest), of Sydney, Australia, arrived in Manila yesterday afternoon for a brief stopover, and when he resumed his flight to Tokyo at midnight, he left with pleasant impressions, gathered during nine hours between arrival and departure, of a country in which he said he felt "very much at home."

The church prince's crowded schedule, including a courtesy call on President Quirino at Malacañan, started as soon as his plane landed him on Philippine soil for the first time at the Manila International Airport at three o'clock in the afternoon.

During a brief welcome program at the airport, Mayor Manuel de la Fuente of Manila handed the distinguished church visitor the key to the city which, the mayor said, was the "symbol of Christian love, the symbol of Filipino hospitality to all foreigners who come to the Philippines."

In response to the welcome accorded him, Cardinal Gilroy assured the mayor he would treasure the key always as an "indication of the goodness and generosity of the people."

Cardinal Gilroy was on his way to Tokyo where he will attend as the papal legate, the fourth centennial celebration of the arrival of St. Francis Xavier in Japan. He and

his party of churchmen, Msgr. James Carroll, Msgr. Edward Joseph O'Donnell, Msgr. James Freeman, Msgr. Michael Cronin, and Rev. Fr. Henry Joseph Kennedy, will remain in Tokyo for two weeks and, on the return trip to Sydney, will again touch Manila but only for two hours at most.

The 52-year-old affable church prince, who was elevated to the cardinalate only two years ago, avoided discussions on political issues in a brief exchange of pleasantries with newsmen who interviewed him.

Of the case of Sgt. Lorenzo Gamboa, who has been refused admission into Australia to visit his wife and children, Cardinal Gilroy said that all he knew about the matter was what he has read in the papers. He stated the incident was for the Australian government to decide but, at the same time, expressed confidence it would be satisfactorily solved.

He predicted that the upsurge of the communist movement in the Far East will not affect Australia whose people, because of their standard of living, are naturally opposed to communism, he said.

Cardinal Gilroy called the Philippines a beautiful country and was particularly touched by the hospitality of the people as shown in the rousing welcome extended him. He said of the reception prepared for him that "no welcome could be more cordial. I do not feel like leaving."

Whisked around the city in a motorcade during his busy itinerary, the distinguished visitor was saddened by the destruction caused by war he had seen, but was happy to learn that the people have been making great strides at rehabilitation.

Members of the diplomatic corps, of the clergy and the laity led by papal knights and members of the Knights of Columbus were on hand at the airport to greet the church guests.

Among those at the airport were Consul General Keith Waller, Chinese Minister Chen Chih-ping, James Meador, first secretary of the American embassy, Minister Teodomiro Salas Aguilera of Spain, Counsellor Rader Soerjanata Djomena of the Netherlands, Bishop Rufino Santos, former Bishop Miguel Olano of Guam, Col. Joseph Koch, U.S. Army chief of chaplains, Rev. Dr. Angel de Blas of Santo Tomas University, and Rev. Fr. William Masterson, rector of the Ateneo.

Mayor De la Fuente handed Cardinal Gilroy the key to the city during a brief program at the airport after the cardinal and his party were welcomed by Atty. Luis Moreno Salcedo, department of foreign affairs protocol officer, in behalf of the government.

From the airport, a long motorcade led the guests to the archbishop's palace at Mandaluyong where the cardinal exchanged greetings over a long distance telephone call with Msgr. Michael O'Doherty who is in Baguio vacationing for his health.

Around five o'clock, the party left for the Quezon family plot at the Cementerio del Norte where the cardinal laid a wreath at the tomb of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon. Of the remaining Quezon family, only Manuel, Jr., "Nonong" was there. The church prince also met Mrs. Trinidad de Leon-Roxas who was at the nearby mausoleum of her late husband, President Roxas.

The party then proceeded to Malacañan to pay a courtesy call on President Quirino. During the brief exchange of impressions with the President, Cardinal Gilroy showed great interest in Philippine affairs, especially with regard to the social amelioration program of the President.

He also expressed concern over the widespread destruction of buildings and churches in Manila, adding that despite the great damage, Manila is still a "beautiful city with plenty of lively people."

The Chief Executive spoke briefly to his visitor on the program of his administration, stating that, because his term of office is about to expire, he was cramming things to prove that he has not been "too slow as other people would think."

The President told the cardinal that most of the newspapers have been unfair to him, allegedly by playing up adverse criticism of his administration and giving little publicity to his accomplishments. Referring to the coming election as

the "day of reckoning," he expressed the hope that the people will eventually vindicate him.

During their conversation, the President cracked a joke on the "white Australian" card, but quickly added: "Please, don't think I am rubbing it in." He requested the cardinal to convey his best regards to General Douglas MacArthur.

The President also recalled the visit last year of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman who was a Malacañan guest during his stay in Manila. He said he was reading Cardinal Spellman's memoirs early that afternoon and was particularly impressed by a poem in the collection of writings.

Rt. Rev. Koch volunteered the information that the poem was written by Cardinal Spellman right at the Malacañan room during his stay here.

From Malacañan, the party repaired to the University of Santo Tomas chapel where Te Deum was held for the safe arrival in Manila of the cardinal and his party.

Cardinal Gilroy is the third prince of the church to come to the Philippines. The first, during prewar, was His Eminence Denis Cardinal Daugherty and, last year, it was Francis Cardinal Spellman.

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MANILA, PHILIPPINES, MONDAY, MAY, 23, 1949



CARDINAL VISITS QUIRINO: Norman Thomas Cardinal Gilroy called on President Quirino yesterday afternoon during his brief stopover here. The President received his distinguished caller at his study room where they exchanged impressions and views in Philippine affairs. In the picture are (left to right) Cardinal Gilroy, President Quirino and Bishop Rufino Santos who was among those who accompanied the Cardinal to Malacañan.

Church Prince Here, Calls on Pres. Quirino

Communism cannot thrive in Australia because the Australians are contended with their democratic way of life, declared Norman Thomas Cardinal Gilroy, archbishop of Australia, in the course of a brief interview with the press at Malacañan yesterday afternoon.

The Cardinal who arrived yesterday from Australia on his way to Tokyo to attend the 4th centenary celebration commemorating the arrival in Japan of St. Francis Xavier, dropped in at Malacañan yesterday to pay his respects to President Elpidio Quirino. Cardinal Gilroy left last night for Tokyo.

In his short exchange of impressions with President Quirino, the Cardinal evinced great interest in Philippine affairs, especially the Quirino economic mobilization program and the social amelioration plan of the government. He expressed concern over the widespread destruction of buildings and churches in Manila, observing that despite the heavy destruction Manila is still a beautiful city inhabited by energetic people.

On the other hand, President Quirino apprised the primate of the circumstances under which he assumed the presidency. He said that he became President upon the death of President Roxas and that he was rushing the administration's program of economic development and social rehabilitation to show the people that his administration has accomplished something, before the expiration of his term. The President added that his present plan for the reconstruction of Manila calls for the conversion of the destroyed Walled City into a site of churches which will be a sort of national shrine to perpetuate the memory of those who were killed during the war.

He observed that upon his arrival he was struck by the crowded population of Manila, and by the energy with which the rehabilitation program was being prosecuted as shown by the new buildings that greeted his eye and by the construction work projects that dot the city. He said it was depressing to note the destruction suffered by Manila, but it was encouraging to see signs of rehabilitation everywhere.

In his call on President Quirino, the Cardinal was accompanied by the five members of his party: Msgr. James Freeman, Msgr. James Carroll, Msgr. Edward O'Donnell, Mr. Cronin and the Rev. Father H. Kennedy. Accompanying this group to Malacañan were Msgr. Rufino Santos, auxiliary bishop of Manila; Msgr. Jose Koch, head of the U.S. chaplain service in the Philippines; Justo Lopez, who represented the Knights of Columbus here; and members of the Catholic orders here.

At Malacañan, President Quirino told Cardinal Gilroy that "the newspapers of the opposition" are publicizing his every movement, adding that he hopes that "in the final reckoning, the people will realize that I am not as slow as they thought."

He complained that it has to be people from other countries and not the people of this country who can see the improvements made during his administration. He told Cardinal Gilroy that he is diverting the money intended for the new capital site at Quezon city for his "very bold economic program." The cardinal left Malacañan at 5:30 and proceeded to the University of Santo Tomas chapel where he sang a *te deum* and delivered an impassioned sermon on the gifts of God to mankind.

The Lancastrian transport plane bearing Cardinal Gilroy and his party landed at the Manila International Airport at 2:59 p.m. After the reception ceremonies, he went to the Archbishop's Palace in Mandaluyong where he talked to Archbishop Michael O'Doherty over the phone from Baguio. Then he drove to the north cemetery where he laid a wreath at the tomb of the Quezons and then proceeded to Malacañan.

Regarding the Gamboa case, in which Sergeant Lorenzo Gamboa, an American citizen of Filipino parents, was banned from visiting his family in Australia, the Cardinal expressed optimism that a satisfactory solution will be eventually arrived at by both the Philippine and Australian governments.

The Cardinal was very much impressed by the "beauty and dignity of the Philippine President's Palace," which he described as a good example of Spanish architecture. He observed that Malacañan certainly lends dignity to the President, and also adds to the dignity of the Filipino people.

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AURORA ARAGON QUEZON

By Trinidad F. Legarda

Her Noble Life And Loving Deeds Will Forever Be a Stimulating Source For Inspiration and Emulation, Especially To Us Women

Editor's Note: We are publishing this eulogy delivered by Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs of the Philippines, at the necrological services held in honor of the late Doña Aurora de Quezon, her daughter, Baby, and her son-in-law Phillip Buenacamino III, at Malacañan Palace on May 19, because of many requests received at the NFWC headquarters for copies of said eulogy which many consider a masterpiece. For the benefit, therefore, of those who were not present at the necrological services and have not heard it, we are reproducing the eulogy in full as it was delivered by Mrs. Legarda.

She died a martyr!
She—the gentlest, sweetest and noblest of all Filipino women—became the spotless victim of blood-thirsty criminals and met a tragic end at the hands of ruthless misguided men for whom she professed a deep and abiding love.

Aurora Aragon Quezon—sublime woman, great humanitarian, illustrious widow of a great and peerless leader, loving mother of lovely children; perennial First Lady of the nation; ardent feminist; indefatigable leader; patron of the Arts, exemplary citizen, and shining tower of spiritual strength and moral integrity — has joined the ranks of the immortals and left in our midst an aching void that will be most difficult to fill.

Our hearts are cloaked with a dark pall of mourning for this distinguished and grand person whom everyone loved, revered and admired. We miss her but somehow there is comfort in the thought that we can always invoke her memory and in so doing derive inspiration from the impeccable life that she led while she walked among us.

Tia Nene, as she was affectionately called by those who were close to her, was a lady of diverse and well-rounded accomplishments. True, she came of humble stock and was not privileged to acquire a superior education, but she was blessed with the divine gift of a clear, natural intellect which enabled her to rise to the highest intellectual levels of her time.

Among her many lowly but noble traits, the most outstanding was her ability to treat all kinds of people alike, rich or poor, high or low, white or brown. Her greatest asset was her big Christian heart which was a haven for many who were in trouble and sought her wise counsel. We admired her level-headedness in mixing with the best and the highest of the land and not losing the common touch. We secretly envied the ease and informality she displayed in meeting her husband's friends and associates who treated her as their peer or even their superior. In truth, this epitome of a noble and perfect woman was a rare gem of our land, a priceless gift to our nation.

But now she is gone, snatched away by irresponsible elements from our midst! We, as the mothers of the race, whose duty it is to preserve precious new lives entrusted to us by Our Creator, must rise as one person to condemn the dastardly deed that snuffed out the life of our foremost woman leader and that of her young illustrious daughter, brilliant son-in-law and the other unfortunate victims who shared their terrible fate.

At the same time, we must urge and pray that proper precautions be taken so that innocent persons who might be caught in the cross-currents of reprisal will be spared. For we must not only preach but practice brotherly love; and if we are true Filipinos we cannot hate other Filipinos. We must love each other, laugh and cry together, work together, dream together so that the sum total of our pooled efforts and existence will redound to the everlasting glory and greatness of our young Republic.

Aurora, the Mother of Our Country, has joined our departed leader, the Father of Our Country. She who was his beautiful inspiration during his life-time and who so bravely carried on his noble program of social justice after his death is now sleeping the sleep that knows no waking. By a strange twist of irony, the very persons for whom she and her husband labored most were the ones who blotted out her existence.

The shots fired at Bongabon were not the first by all means, but they were the loudest and had the

widest repercussions. My friends, these shots which claimed such an array of precious lives should arouse us all to the unveiled threat of a dangerous new idea whose primary objective is to destroy not only established governments but also leaders of thought and bulwarks of democracy and civilization.

Aurora Quezon's death is truly a national loss. If those of us today revere her, the future generations of Filipinos will exalt her as one of the greatest benefactors of our people in her own right, for her noble life and loving deeds will forever be a stimulating source for inspiration and emulation. We, her unworthy successors, can build no better memorial than to continue the work that she has started and to try to follow her worthy example.



TRINIDAD F. LEGARDA

To Honor Mrs. Quezon

The next bi-monthly program of the National Federation of Women's Clubs of the Philippines over radio station DZFM on Wednesday, May 25 from 5:15 to 5:30 p.m. will be dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon. Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, NFWC president, will be the speaker. Miss Leonila T. Solitaria, soprano, accompanied by Miss Lucy Nico, pianist, will sing "Canto Patriotico de Maria Clara" by J. Hernandez and "Last Rose of Summer" (from the opera, Martha) by Von Flotow.

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US AMBASSADOR Myron Cowen at Roxas tomb. Cowen laid wreaths at Quezon and Roxas tombs this morning.

GSP Convention held May 25-27

The memories of the late Maria Aurora Quezon and Mrs. Leni Alano-Rivera, both active members of the Girl Scout movement in the Philippines, will be honored during the three-day convention of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines to be held at the Philippine Women's university auditorium from May 25 to May 27.

Until her death, Miss Quezon was chairman of the central committee of the GSP. Mrs. Rivera was a charter member.

The convention will open with a requiem mass at the PWU chapel in honor of Miss Quezon. The mass is scheduled to start at 6:30 a.m.

At 10 a.m., the opening session of the convention will be held with President Quirino delivering the principal address. The invocation will be said by Rev. Fr. William Masterson, S. J., rector of the Ateneo de Manila and concurrently member of the national advisory council of the GSP. Mrs. Concepcion R. Gonzalez, GSP national commissioner and chairman, national advisory council, will preside over the session.

In the afternoon, starting at 2:30 p.m., a general session will be held with Education Secretary Prudencio Langaon as guest speaker. His theme will be "Our Responsibility to Youth."

A panel discussion on "Youth Looks at the World Today" will be conducted later. The speakers will be Misses Pilar Lozada, Norma Alampay, Polly Soledad, Ester de Jesus and Mrs. Telly Albert-Zulue-ta.

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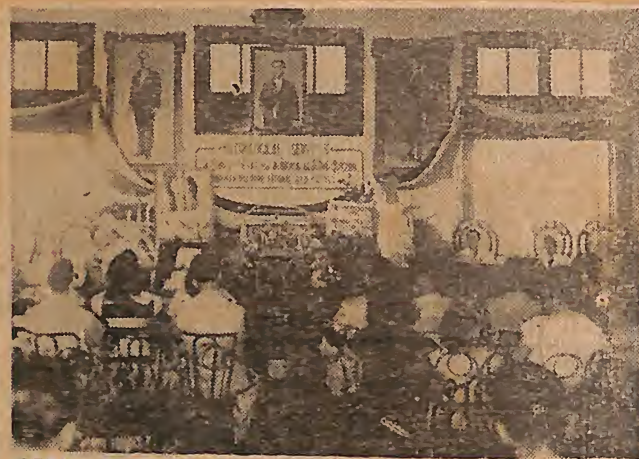
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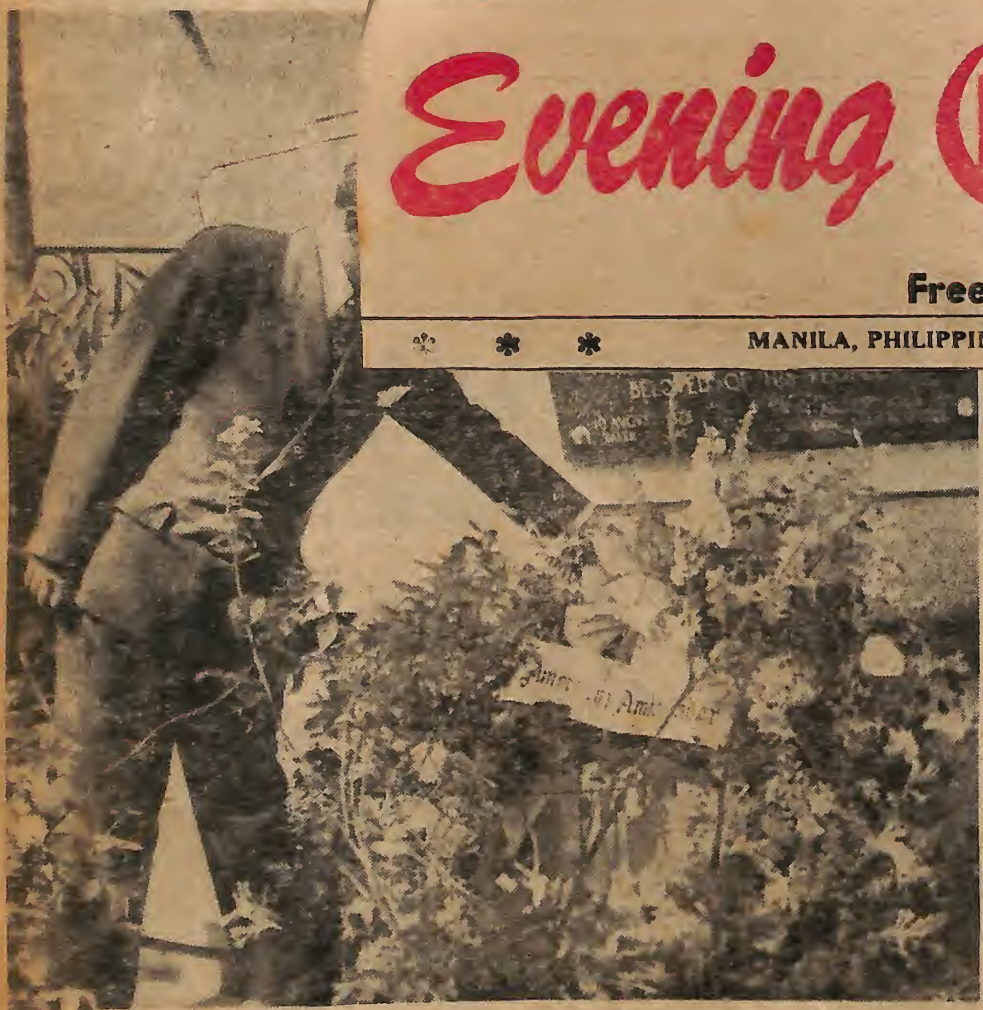
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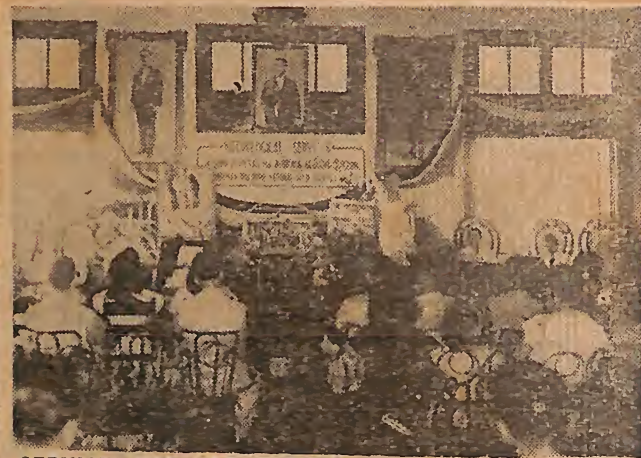
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MANILA BULLETIN, THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 26, 1949

Around Manila

By BESSIE HACKETT

THE GIRL SCOUTS of the Philippines are in the midst of their biennial convention. About three hundred delegates are in Manila from the provinces and, added to the many national executives, leaders and workers already here, they make quite an imposing green-uniformed assemblage. Focal point of all the activity is the Philippine Women's University auditorium.

Adding a glamorous touch to the outdoorish look of the regular uniforms are the gala green ternos with gold-embroidered insignia worn to the many morning, noon and night functions by such Girl Scout top brass as Mrs. Concepcion Gonzalez, Mrs. Concepcion Gil, the two Mrs. Lims (Emilia Q. and Pilar Hidalgo), Mrs. Ida Bromfield, Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, Mrs. Marina Vargas and others. Outstanding note in this sea of green is the light blue uniform of Miss Marguerite Twohy, representative of the Girl Scouts world bureau.

Highlights of today's schedule are the GSP anniversary luncheon with Miss Twohy as guest of honor and speaker, closing session of the convention, supper and a big campfire ceremony on the PWU grounds.

President Quirino and his daughter, Vicky, who is central committee honorary chairman, participated in the opening session of the convention yesterday morning. The President gave the girls a stirring talk on equality with men, getting out and doing things, taking the lead in civic activities, etc. and made himself a very popular man. Social events featured a luncheon, an afternoon reception given for the delegates by Mrs. Gonzalez, national commissioner, at the U.P. social hall, and a supper followed by screening of Girl Scout films.

Attracting many outside visitors as well as delegates are the extensive exhibits on the second floor of the PWU auditorium building. Sent in from all parts of the archipelago, the articles are mostly the work of Girl Scouts and include such things as soap sculpture, models of community planning from Capiz, dolls from Ilocos Sur, a dainty handkerchief arranged as a mantilla about a picture of Baby Quezon

(from a girl in Nueva Vizcaya), finger painting, hemp slippers... and we could go on and on. It's one of the most interesting displays we've seen in a long time and fills several rooms. PRATRA has a table of native-made articles (these are for sale), a whole room is devoted to sports equipment and camping exhibits, and the PWU college of home economics has a display of table settings, menus and meals, together with nutrition charts. It's really worth climbing the several flights of stairs.



PRESIDENT QUIRINO, accompanied by National Commissioner Concepcion R. Gonzalez, passes between rows of delegates as he enters the PWU auditorium to open the second biennial convention of Girl Scouts of the Philippines yesterday morning. Behind them is Mrs. Marina Yulo Vargas. Before the opening session a mass for Miss Maria Aurora (Baby) Quezon was said in the university chapel. The late Miss Quezon was closely identified with the Girl Scout movement in the Islands.



SUSPECTED OF AIDING HUKS. Arrested recently and now being investigated by constabulary officers are three Chinese residents of Bongabon, Nueva Ecija, who have been pointed out by members of the outlaw band as among those giving aid to the dissidents. In above photo, taken shortly after their arrest, the Chinese suspects are (left to right, between PC guards) Tan Suy King, alias Ibing, 51; Ngo Hay, alias Chua, 38; and Lee Hao Tee, alias Kiko, 38.

3 CHINESE HELD FOR BACKING HUKS

(Special to the Bulletin)

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 25.—Three Chinese merchants of Bongabong were arrested by the constabulary today when two Huks, who had participated in the ambush of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her party, testified that these Chinese had been giving monetary contributions to Huk Col. Alexander Viernes, alias Stalin.

The three Chinese were Ngo Hay (alias Chua), 38; Tan Suy King (alias Ibing), 51, and Lee Hao Ty (alias Kiko), 38.

The two Huks, who admitted that they were among those who had ambushed Mrs. Quezon, were nabbed by government operatives of the Nenita unit while spying around the PC barracks at Bongabong. They gave their names as Vicente Marquez, 27, and Federico Cachueta, 21, both under Commander Alpio Subong of Huk squadron Tagumpay.

The two dissidents said the three Chinese merchants had contributed regularly to the funds of Col. Viernes, who headed and planned the April 28 ambush. They indicated also that it was possible these three Chinese knew of the ambush plans which had been plotted and studied many days in advance.

Besides admitting their participation in the Quezon ambush, Marquez and Cachueta confessed that they took part in the killing of Capt. Marcos Abad of the 103rd guerrilla unit sometime in 1946.

They said that during the amnesty period, they both registered as members of the PKM organization, but rejoined their comrades in the hills immediately afterwards.

The Chinese businessmen were under close questioning by intelligence officers of the constabulary. No announcements were made.

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MANILA, PHILIPPINES, THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1949

Nini's Baby Is Baptized

Just a few days old, baby Jose Antonio Buencamino, second son of the late Philip Buencamino III and Mrs. Zenaida "Nini" Quezon Buencamino, was quietly baptized yesterday morning, Wednesday, May 26, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital.

Standing as sponsors for the baby were his uncle, Nonong Quezon and his aunt, Dolly Buencamino.

Potpourri

By ESTHER S. ASUNCION

Nini Buencamino and baby are back to the Quezon home on Gilmore Avenue having left the hospital yesterday. But before leaving, Nini saw to it that her boy was baptized first and so there was the rite performed at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital which caught Nini's many friends unaware. It was so quiet that only a few were present... Nena Fabella Pamintuan was one among the few who saw Nini before leaving the hospital.

The baby, by the way, was christened Jose Antonio in fulfillment of a promise made by Nini to Saint Joseph and Saint Anthony even before she got married. The sponsors were Nonong Quezon and Dolly Buencamino, uncle and aunt respectively of the baby.

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MANILA, PHILIPPINES, THURSDAY 26 MAY 1949

Will Say Mass For Mrs. Quezon

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The circularized invitation follows:

Because gratitude is a most noble virtue. We now address these few lines to you and to your parishioners in order to invite you to offer special prayers of supplication to Almighty God for the eternal repose of a soul, during the earthly sojourn of whom, our Catholic institutions and organizations had received so much help from. We refer to Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon, the late widow of President Quezon. The moving spirit behind numberless social and spiritual agencies and the personification of the exalted virtues of Filipino womanhood.

May 28th will be the 30th day of her death, and we invite all our Rev. Parish Priests of the Archdiocese to offer special masses on that day for such a magnanimous soul. Let it not be said that the Philippine clergy are lacking in gratitude and appreciation of the immortal charities of Doña Aurora. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

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PC Nab 2 More Men For Quezon Ambush

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, May 26 (ENS).—The punitive expedition chalked up two more men identified as having taken part in the Quezon ambush as Federico Cachuella and Vicente Marquez were captured by a PC patrol at Sabani Estate, Laur, Tuesday, and admitted their participation in the massacre. This brings to five the number of members of the ambush gang now in custody of the constabulary.

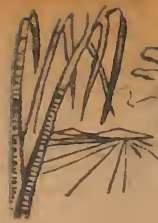
Cachuella and Marquez, questioned by PC intelligence officers, revealed that Huks are getting aid from Chinese in Nueva Ecija. They pointed to three Bongabon merchants as having been giving food to Alexander Stalin Viernes; Tan Suy King, 51; Go Hay, 28; and Lee Hao Tee, 38. These Chinese have been picked up for investigation by the PC.

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Honor Mrs. Quezon At Requiem Mass

A requiem mass in honor of the memory of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, late chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, who was killed in the ambush recently with her daughter, Baby, her son-in-law Felipe Buencamino III and nine, others, was held last week at the Bacolod Cathedral by the local chapter of the Red Cross under Mrs. Rosario M. Valdez.

The mass was attended by a large number of government officials, chamber personnel and officials and the public. Composing the special choir were Misses Linda Lizares, Baby and Linda Lizares, Nena Varela, Eloise Villanueva, Lily Ochoa and A. Melanes, Josling Lizares, H. Labaren and Ernesto Seva. The mass was officiated by the Rev. Antonio Fortich.

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Will Observe First Monthly Anniversary Of Quezons' Death

Tomorrow, the first monthly anniversary of the death of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, a solemn requiem mass for Mrs. Quezon and all those who died with her in an ambush in Nueva Ecija, will be said in the Malate Catholic church by Mons. Rufino Santos, auxiliary bishop of Manila.

President Quirino will attend the mass, which is scheduled for 7 a.m., and the choir of the Philippine Women's university will be in charge of the music.

Bishop Santos has circularized all parishes of Manila to offer special commemorative masses tomorrow for Mrs. Quezon and the members of her party who perished with her.

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MANILA, PHILIPPINES, SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1949

Incidentally...

By Virginia Benitez Licuanan

THE GRIM LIFE: Looking over the social calendar, I discover that I hardly have anything of consequence to say for today except that today is the birthday of the Diono quintuplets . . . and even that can hardly be of much importance unless to serve as an inspiration of some sort to aspiring mothers-to-be who may want to put the Philippines on the map.

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It is grim days like this that make me feel the way Crysta Koster must have felt when she was talking with her yesterday morning. "This is a horrible life," she cried, "Everybody I know is in the hospital . . . and I am deep down in the dumps . . ." But she was feeling particularly depressed because she had just been to the hospital to see about the mother of her housegirl who was very ill and there she saw so many people in need of help. "So many in need of help and so few to help them . . ." and that would practically sum up the ills of this old world.

But for anybody who feels depressed or discouraged, this bit about Nini Quezon Buencamino should induce them to perk up and take a less dismal view of things. Friends of Nini tell me that she is getting her tennis things ready and just as soon as her doctor tells her that she can she is going in for tennis again. That is the old Quezon fighting spirit standing her in good stead in the most trying time of her young life.

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Mass For Ambush Victims Set Today

A requiem mass for Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and eleven other members of her party who died in the Bongabong ambush on April 28 will be held at 7 a.m. this morning at the Malate church, with Bishop Rufino Santos officiating. It was announced yesterday by the May devotions laymen's committee.

President Quirino will be present during the mass which will be one of the last major activities of the May devotions. It will commemorate the first month of the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon and others.

Musical numbers will be performed by members of the Philippine Women's University choir. Remedios Corpus-Moya will be the soloist.

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As American Editors See Us

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PHILIPPINE LAW AND ORDER

The shocking murder of the widow, daughter, and son-in-law of the Philippines' first President, Manuel Quezon, in a highway ambush only 88 miles from Manila, highlights once more the relative instability of the island republic tutored and sponsored by the United States.

Ten other persons were killed, 10 more wounded, when "bandits" opened up with machine-gun fire on a convoy of notables protected by a Constabulary escort. Mrs. Quezon was on a mission of no greater political importance than to unveil a monument to her late husband. She was a leader of the women's suffrage movement, but not a political power herself, and was more noted for her Red Cross chairmanship and her charitable activities than for political

activity. It therefore seems likely, as President Quirino believes, that banditry and not political murder was responsible for her death.

It is true, however, that the ambush occurred in territory frequented by the Hukbalahaps, the wartime guerrillas who since 1945, under Communist leadership, have refused to surrender their Japanese and American arms to the government. They have clashed repeatedly with the Philippine Constabulary, and their leader, the gentle-voiced Luis Taruc, who long denied his Communism but finally professed it openly, is still at large. One of the members of the Quezon convoy was Maj. Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, former Filipino chief of staff. He escaped with his life, but it could be that one of their old military foes was the real target of a Huk attack, and that

the Quezon family murders were incidental.

Rebels or bandits, the attackers proved again that law and order are not among the legacies we left the Filipinos when they ran up their own flag on July 4, 1946. The Huks are only part of the story. Other peasant groups, retaining their war-given arms or buying more from American G. I's, have found that "living by the rifle" was more remunerative than toiling in the rice fields. And the government has had another thorn in its side from the willingness of some Filipinos to rob and murder American sailors and soldiers in the vicinity of our Philippine bases, not a very democratic way, to say the least, of registering political protest.

It may be that we were not very good teachers, after all, during our 50 years in the islands.—
Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal, April 29.

The Manila Times

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1949

Mrs. Quezon Requiem Mass Set Today

With President Quirino presiding, a requiem mass for Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon and those who died with her last April 28, will be said by Bishop Rufino Santos at 7 o'clock a. m. today, Saturday, at the Malate church, according to an announcement by the May Devotions laymen's committee headed by Dr. Salvador Araneta. The Philippine Women's University will take charge of the musical numbers.

The Sign In The Sky

By RAUL S. MANGLAPUS

(Space for this column by courtesy of the Chronicle for the "Month of May" campaign)

The morning after the Presidential elections in December, 1941, I found myself on the way to Malacañan, summoned to breakfast by the man whom the people had just retained in power by an overwhelming vote. Baby met me at the Palace and accompanied me on a launch across the river to the bahay kubo.

"Daddy heard your speech on the air two nights ago" Baby said, "So he told me to get you out of bed early this morning so he could tell you what he thought of it."

"Did he like it?" I asked. "You'll find out in a moment!" she laughed as we went up the house.

Manuel Quezon was in riding pants and his nose moved in the proverbial twitch as he told me "Raul, I want to tell you that what you said about me the other night is the thing I'd like best to hear anyone say of me".

We sat down to breakfast, the President, Doña Aurora, Baby, Nini, Nonong and Mary Angara and myself. Manuel Quezon was a heavy breakfast eater. And he went through that one with verve, punctuating spoonfuls with observations on the election results. At one point he made reference with almost childish glee to the fact that in some Visayan bastions he had obtained more votes than his running mate, Visayan Vice-President Osmeña. At length Jorge Vargas came in with a pile of telegrams, and, standing rather stiffly beside Quezon as the latter finished his breakfast, began to read them off.

What had I said about Quezon the night before the election? It had been a final radio rally and among the other speakers was Jose Yulo. All I had said was that I liked Manuel Quezon because he could stand up, forehead high, and say to the stranger from a foreign shore "I am a Filipino", a thing which not many could do those days without sufficient practice, or a previous shot of whiskey.

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Freedom Speaks

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, SATURDAY 28 MAY 1949

That is how issues went those days. Manuel Quezon dominated the scene and those who would speak of him as against other men exhausted the range of his virtues without having to go into fundamental issues. He was simply

THE man and there was no use discussing it. And he himself was never concerned about how many votes he would get over the next opponent. He was more bothered about how many votes he would get over his running mate!

Manuel Quezon is gone and with him went the era of the one-man show. Most people received the change with regret, a few with relief. Now we are back to sharper propositions like clean government and social justice—and the men scrambling for power all swear that they are for all these things.

The test in the present dispute for supremacy is not the party platform but the morality of the men who would propose to carry it out. Among the members of each group are a sprinkling of honest men who could truly implement a platform of clean government and social justice. Let us hope and pray that they may come out and among themselves organize and pursue the course that Manuel Quezon was able to chart alone with his indomitable personality—a government for the people and new deal for the common man.



DR. A. A. MARAMIS, Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs on a goodwill mission to the Philippines, yesterday offered floral tribute to Jose Rizal, the late Presidents Manuel L. Quezon and Manuel Roxas, and Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon. Picture shows Dr. Maramis laying the wreath at the foot of Rizal's monument at the Luneta. With him are Charles Tambu, Harsono Reksoatmodjo, Jose Estrada and Wilhelm J. D. Pesik.

Dr. Maramis Offers Floral Tribute to P.I. Patriots

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In paying floral tributes to the Filipino patriots and Madame Aurora Quezon, the Indonesian Foreign Minister was accompanied by members of his goodwill mission and Jose S. Estrada, protocol officer of the Philippine Foreign Office.

Dr. Maramis was scheduled to pay a courtesy call on Speaker Eugenio Perez at the latter's office at the House of Representatives this noon.

Yesterday morning, Dr. Maramis called on former Secretary of Finance Miguel Cuaderno who is now governor of the Central Bank. The call was made on suggestion of Malacañan, presumably to discuss details of the P2,000,000 loan from the Philippines for the reconstruction of Indonesia.

The Indonesian Minister was accompanied by his Secretary General Charles Tambu, and two local representatives of the republic, Mr. Wilhelm Pasik public relations officer, and Harsono Reksoatmodjo, trade representative.

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PNRC Convention Shifted To June 25-26

The Red Cross convention was postponed to June 25-26 by the executive committee of the PNRC board of governors in a special meeting held yesterday at the PNRC headquarters.

The PNRC convention, which was formerly set on June 11-12 had to be postponed due to a political party meeting which falls on the same date and which conflicts with Red Cross plans, it was announced by Dr. Manuel Lim, acting PNRC chairman.

One of the important aspects to be taken up in the forthcoming convention will be the election of the successor of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, late PNRC chairman, and two-thirds of the elective members of the PNRC board of governors. Seventy-two delegates elected by chapters from all over the Philippines, all prominent in Red Cross volunteer participation, are among the 200 delegates and guests expected to attend the convention. Expected to arrive in Manila a day before the convention, the delegates will hold seminars and panel discussions intended to thoroughly analyze, and resultantly improve, various service activities of the Red Cross.

Report FROM AMERICA

Francisco Araneta, a Jesuit at Woodstock college in Woodstock, Maryland, in a circular sent to US Filipinos, reminds his compatriots that Aurora Aragon Quezon's last request to her people was for a month of prayer to Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces, for world peace and respect for law and charity in the Philippines. Enclosed with the circular is a leaflet which contains a reprint of *The Evening News* story of December 18 on the reportedly miraculous showers of rose petals around the Carmelite convent in Lipa.

THE EXPONENT OF DAILY PHILIPPINE PROGRESS

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AMBUSH OF MRS. QUEZON

An active Communist rebellion within the actual "dominion limits" of the United States was brought sharply to international attention by the ambush murder of Mrs. Manuel Quezon, widow of the first president of the Philippine Republic.

The wild burst of machine-gun fire that killed Mrs. Quezon, her daughter and 11 other persons in mountainous territory north of Manila threw the spotlight on a situation fraught with peril.

It coincided with the sweeping Communist gains that apparently have sealed the fate of Shanghai and emphasized the extent to which propaganda and perhaps even financing from Moscow have unsettled far eastern regions that are of vital concern to the United States.

The ambush was carried out by members of a dissident Filipino

group who call themselves Huk-balahaps.

They number, according to best estimates, only 10 thousand men. But they are well-armed, well-organized and fanatically devoted to their leader, Luis M. Taruc, an avowed Communist.

Trained in Moscow and indoctrinated with the idea that the Philippines still are only an outpost of "American Imperialism," Taruc has created an organization which for months has provoked chaos and anarchy.

Every effort short of a "Munich appeasement" has been made to placate him.

The government of President Elpidio Quirino offered him a cabinet post. United States military and civilian officials posted in Manila following the granting of Philippines independence in 1946 have been equally lenient.

But the latest act of violence has led Quirino to order a full-scale military offensive to wipe

out the "Huks," as they are popularly known, and a lot of bloodshed seems to be inevitable.

One of the most important aspects of the matter is Taruc's brazen insistence that Communist rule for the Philippines is the only "guarantee" against so-called "domination" of the Far East by the United States and Great Britain.

This follows the precise line as that adopted by Mao Tse-Tung, the Chinese Communist leader whose shore artillery along the Yangtze river has dealt the heaviest blow to British prestige in recent history.

The Chinese Communists, however, seem to be pursuing their way on more or less traditional lines—in keeping for the most part with the internationally-accepted code of hostilities—*Nooster (O.) Record*, April 30.

Our Blessed Lady of Lipa

“WE MUST be cautious,” admonished His Excellency, Bishop Verzosa of the diocese of Batangas in the Philippine Islands. He was only summing up the policy of the Roman Catholic Church regarding the recognition of apparitions and favors from heaven.

But to the Sisters of the Carmelite Monastery of Lipa City in Batangas, there could be no doubt that the gracious and loving Queen of Heaven had once more bestowed the favor of Fatima upon a needy world. Our Lady had chosen their convent to repeat the message of Fatima; she had added a message specially meant for the members of this chosen community; she had left rose petals scattered inside and outside convent walls, and the perfume of her roses had sweetened the air in the convent and among the multitudes who swiftly gathered, hoping to catch some of the precious petals.

According to an account sent out by the Prioress of the Carmelite Monastery of Lipa City, Our Lady's visits began on Sunday, September 12, 1948, the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary, at five o'clock in the afternoon.

There was no breeze that still September afternoon, and a young Sister walked in the quiet

garden. She noticed a vine shaking. All other plants were still, so she went closer to try and determine the cause of the motion. The gentle voice of a woman came to her attention, but she saw no one. The sweet voice spoke to her and told her to kiss the ground. Gently, the voice told her to eat some grass, and to come to this spot for fifteen consecutive days to visit with her. Then the voice ceased speaking, and the Sister knew she was once more alone among the afternoon shadows; the vine was still.

On Monday, September 13, the Sister again sought the garden sanctuary. Silently, she reverently knelt before the vine and began reciting the *Hail Mary*. As she spoke the words “full of grace,” the vine began moving as it had the previous day. Suddenly, a lovely lady in pure white robes stood before her. A golden Rosary hung from her right hand, and her bare feet rested on clouds about two feet high from the ground. The lady's face was too radiant and beautiful to describe clearly. She smiled down on the kneeling nun and asked her to come to the garden faithfully, whether there be sunshine or rain. The Sister addressed her as “Beautiful Lady” and asked who she was.

“I am thy Mother, my little

one,” answered the Lady, and she was gone as suddenly as she had appeared.

On Tuesday, September 14, the Lady was waiting at the vine for the young nun with outstretched arms. Her request was that this spot be blessed on the morrow, at whatever time the Prioress wished, and she forbade the Sister to forget the incidents of these fifteen days. Blessing the Sister, she vanished.

On Wednesday, September 15, Carmel's Chaplain, His Excellency, Bishop Alfredo Ma. Obviar, came to bless the area designated by the Lady. The Lady herself was there, visible

only to the chosen Sister. Once more she bade her kiss the ground and, like Bernadette's Lady, again she told the Sister to eat grass. Then she told her to take paper and pencil and write a message for the community. This was the message:

My daughters,

1. I ask of you to believe in me and to keep this a deep secret among yourselves for the time being.

2. Love one another as true Sisters.

3. Come often to visit me. Make this a sacred place and respect it. Gather the petals, my children. I bless you all.



Religious News Service Photo

Bishop Alfredo Obviar (*center*) officiates at cornerstone-laying of new chapel in honor of Our Lady, Mediatrix of All Graces. In the photo above, Mrs. Aurora Quezon, widow of the late President of the Philippines, stands at Bishop Obviar's right. Half-hidden by umbrella is Miss Vicky Quirino, daughter of President Elpidio Quirino.

Isles of Mary

OBLATE PHILIPPINE MISSIONS

The Lady vanished, leaving rose petals scattered about the place where she had been standing. At five o'clock the same day the Sister went back, alone, to what was now her favorite corner of the world. Again the Lady awaited her. This time she requested of Carmel that a statue of her be placed in this part of the garden, and that the place be cleared and made into a place of prayer. She said to tell the community Sisters that they must believe, lest they lose grace. Before vanishing, she said, "I shall always bless the community, my child."

On September 16, the Lady gave her specifications regarding the statue of herself. She wanted to be described to the chaplain so that the statue would be the likeness of her as the young nun saw her, and she wanted the statue to be the size of that of Our Lady of Lourdes in the cloister. She bade the Sister tell the Mother Prioress to have the Rosary recited here every afternoon during these special days, and before disappearing, she extended her love to her daughters in Lipa Carmel, saying that she would always be with them.

The following days brought the Lady to the nun in a special motherly way. She advised the Sister to be obedient, simple, and humble, telling her that the two virtues she loves best are simplicity and humility. One day the Lady asked that members of the community be consecrated individually to her, according to the spirit of St. Grignon de Montfort.

To the sorrow of the young Sister, September 26 was the last day of the treasured fifteen. The Lady came, repeating her counsels, telling the community through the Sister to consecrate themselves to her on October 7, and that she would not ask bigger things of them, as they were her "little ones." Before disappearing for what the Sister thought was the last time, she said she would always bless the community morning and evening,

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Destination

*As you go plodding down the road
There's one thing well worth know-
ing—*

*It doesn't matter where you've
"been"—*

What counts is where you're "going"!

*There's just one road worth travel-
ing*

*However far you roam—
Though it's narrow, rough, and all
up-hill,*

That road will take you Home!

*Home! How good that sounds to one
Who would trudge the roads no more
And knows that a patient Father
waits
Within an open Door!*

*No, it doesn't matter where you've
been—*

*When the lonesome journey's
through.*

*What counts is that you're going
Home—*

There's a happy Home for you!

—Paul A. Lewis, O.M.I.

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the Moro people of that place, who have made it difficult for Father to obtain land; so he is transferring the school to another island... more complete information in the next issue.

Our Missionaries

Father O'Brien and Father Hamilton are doing excellent work preaching retreats at the many Notre Dame High Schools in Mindanao and Sulu. Numerous school retreats have been arranged by Father O'Brien in Suragao province.

OUR BLESSED LADY OF LIPA

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and she named herself. "I am Mary, Mediatrix of all Grace," she said, and she was gone.

Rose petals fell within the cells of the monastery on September 30. On October 3, rose petals fell on the staircase, followed by occasional showers within the cloister. On November 11, visitors on the outside saw the petals fall there.

On Friday, November 12, to her great joy, the Sister was again called to the vine, and there bloomed again the beautiful Rose of Heaven in person. Mary, Mediatrix of all Grace, no longer smiled, but looked sadly upon her little one and community members who followed.

"People believe not my words," she said. "Pray, my child. Pray much because of persecution. Pray for priests. What I ask

here is exactly what I have asked at Fatima. Tell this to the people. They don't believe in me nor do they give me what I ask. Tell the Sisters that I ask them to pray and help spread my devotion and to do penance for those who don't believe. When people come to pray and ask for graces let them ask directly of me and not through you. These things may now be revealed. This is my last apparition on this spot."

Mary Mediatrix blessed her little one and the assembled community and vanished.

Our Lady is no longer seen at Lipa, but her image is in the monastery garden and in the hearts of her devoted daughters. "Petals from heaven" are pressed and carefully preserved in grateful and reverent memory of her inspiring visits to Carmel. According to the dictates of Holy Mother Church "We must be cautious." But to the Sisters of the Carmelite Monastery of Lipa City in Batangas, there is no doubt that their Heavenly Mother, from their convent garden, has repeated the message of Fatima to a heedless world.

COVER

The little Filipino Miss shown on the front cover of *Isles of Mary* is a student at St. Anthony's elementary school. Or rather, I should say was a student, because the fire, which burnt the town of Cotabato, destroyed the school which is seen in the background. Generous help from our American friends, we hope, will soon restore Catholic Education in Cotabato City. (See feature article "Cotabato Burns.")

COTABATO BURNS
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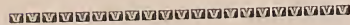
and had only been in the Islands but a few days before his death. He was a native of County Clare in Ireland, and for thirteen years had pursued the ministry of an Oblate Missionary in Australia. After receiving his Obedience to come to the Philippines, he went first to Ireland to visit his relatives and friends for a few months; then after a short visit to his sister and brother in New York City, embarked on the *S.S. General Gordon* to Manila, arriving January 29.

Our Fathers are now living with the Marist Brothers in their little house on the outskirts of Cotabato. They are hoping for a finer and more permanent city and for the completion in the near future of a beautiful new church for their homeless people. Every effort will be made to have a roof and floor in the new church by Holy Week, so we appeal to our friends and members of the League of Mary Immaculate at this time for their prayers and financial aid.

This is a serious catastrophe and disaster for our poor Oblates in the Philippine Missions. Our Fathers, our students, and the good Brothers are all unselfishly giving what they have at the present time to alleviate the distress of the thousands of people — to provide shelter and food.

We depend upon the generosity of our American Catholics who have never failed us in our

distress. Your kind offerings will be most gratefully acknowledged and they will really bring comfort to the afflicted at this time. Address care of *Isles of Mary*.



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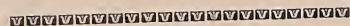
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from Moscow. You believe the Church's supremacy over the State on moral matters? Hold the State's supremacy in all things.

If you don't, the big bad wolf will get you. And he will brand you with the scarlet letter of REACTIONARY. And won't that be awful? Ask Judge Guillermo Guevara.

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Mrs. Quezon: Spotless Victim

DR. SALVADOR ARANETA

"Pure and spotless must the victim be that the sacrifice may be acceptable." These words of Jose Rizal, naturally come to our minds in this hour of our national bereavement. For Doña Aurora, a victim of our fratricidal hatreds, is indeed a pure and spotless martyr.

Divine Providence has willed to demand from our country the most precious life of our citizenry. Let us hope and pray, that this our great loss will serve the great purpose of opening the eyes and touching the hearts of all our nationals, that this fratricidal strife may be put to an end.

Doña Aurora, will be remembered by many noble deeds, but I like to believe that our posterity will consider that her appeal to the Nation, through the Catholic Hierarchy, for a month of May dedicated to our Lady Mediatrix of all Graces, hallowed with prayers and penances, is her spiritual testament to one beloved country, and as such the most significant of her good deeds.

With the sacrifice of her life in the altar of our country, her appeal acquired a very poignant meaning. She had to die a martyr of our fratricidal strifes, for us to realize that we are facing a great national crisis, which demands from all of us, more prayers, more penances, and a new way of life, if this our beloved country of ours is to be saved.

Following is the last appeal of Mrs. Quezon for peace. It was signed by many prominent Catholic leaders.

"The undersigned Catholics, mostly residents in the Archdiocese of Manila, have consulted the Archbishop of Manila, with the object of having special devotions, prayers, and sacrifices offered by all our brethren during the month of May, in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces, to implore her powerful intercession for the protection of our holy religion, which is being so cruelly persecuted in many countries at the present time: to beseech through her powerful intercession world peace, which is threatened at the present

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"Good heavens, Raul, just because Philip is dead you're not going to come out and tell us that he was, after all, just a nice, quiet, pious young man, the poor dear!"

That is not my story.

Philip was not just a quiet, pious young man. His unbounded energy and the activities in which that energy found expression were not the usual features that one would asso-

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with which any orator could bring down the house. President Quezon, proud that the young should take so avidly to his favorite subject, asked that we let him read our future speeches for his suggestions.

It is a well known fact that Philip, besides being a man of talent, was also a man of character. It is easy to envy talent and to misunderstand character. There were those who quickly objected to the way he "did what he pleased." But the deliberate and the thinking admired him for doing what he thought was right. Like his great father-in-law, Philip followed his conscience and sent the consequences to hell.

This pattern of behavior displeased a few of his social and professional "equals" but met with great favor among those who truly counted in his estimation—the common men, the people who will not fight back with words or with icy stares, but who, if desperate, will fight back with bullets.

Philip never impressed anyone as religious, but then Philip's true habits were not known to just "anyone". Philip committed sins like all of us, but his ever supreme concern which he would naively reveal to me was to confess and return to the state of grace. His rosary al-

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as Philip's 29th in at his father's ill, Santa Mesa, Baby, Nini and only breaking away of current politics, in tones that would uninitiated jump up il, the Blessed at Lipa and has f us. What are welcome her and je?" Philip was of Doña Aurora, od of prayer and ie the Virgin and e spread her message of Peace; and he was making those thoughts his own.

Thirty-three days later, on his mother's birthday, Philip was dead, riddled with the bullets of men gone mad because their fellowmen had forgotten his father-in-law's injunctions on social justice and because their fellow Christians had forgotten Christ's message of love.

Adiong, the youthful-looking Quezon family driver, was left to live during the ambush, because the murderers, in an unexplainable stroke of charity, thought him too young to die. Rushing to the front car when the ambushers had gone, Adiong found Philip lying on the front seat, his side dripping red

blood. Philip smiled at Adiong and in his usual confident way said in clear, natural tones "Malakas pa ako"—"I am still strong". To demonstrate his strength Philip said, "Tingnan mo"—"Look!", and dipping his finger in his own blood wrote on the back rest of the front seat the words "HOPE IN GOD".

When they placed him on the jitney for Cabanatuan, Philip's bloody hands were fingering his rosary and his parched lips were moving in prayer to Mary, the Mother of God.

Philip was my closest friend and I am taking those words which he wrote in his own blood as the message which, in his agony, he hoped his family, his friends and his country would take from the manner he and his illustrious mother-in-law, his sister-in-law and other companions perished that day.

Long after my human memory shall lose the rich resonance of his orations and the carefree ring of his laughter, I shall remember the way he spelled with his own blood the remedy to all ills and the means to peace in our land. And I shall know the way he meant those words: "Hope in God, hope in His mercy and treat your fellow man especially the common man, the way God wants you to treat him and the way I liked to treat him—with love, with understanding, with justice".

A simple little novice at Lipa has the same message to say from the Mother God.

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tion by another devastating war; and finally and very specially, to obtain peace and charity and good will, as well as respect for the law, amongst our own beloved people in the Philippine Islands.

"Encouraged by our kind reception, during which the Archbishop, speaking for his own Archdiocese, promised to cooperate, we now approach each and all of the members of the Hierarchy with a similar petition, promising that in all things the wishes of the Ordinary in each ecclesiastical jurisdiction will be promptly and exactly obeyed. During this coming month of May, may we suggest a special celebration in honor of Our Lady Mediatrix of all Graces, which will occur on the 31st of May. We believe that a national novena beginning on Sunday, May 22nd, and ending on Monday, May 30th, to be crowned by a great general communion all over the Islands on May 31st, the feast of our Lady as Mediatrix of all graces, would make a most powerful appeal to Almighty God, especially when offered by a whole nation in honor of the Queen of Heaven.

"Of course, in all these things, we must follow the lead of Your Excellencies and be obedient to whatever conditions may be imposed in your diocese, but may we beg the Archbishops, Bishops and Prefects Apostolic of the Philippine Hierarchy to initiate a movement in your respective diocese for special devotions and daily mortifications during this coming month of May. May we go further and ask for, first, the family rosary in all Catholic homes; second, mortifications, sacrifices, visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross, to be offered according to the devotion and convenience of our brethren; and third, perhaps pilgrimages to the different shrines of Our Lady, such as Antipolo, Peñafrancia, and Manawag, etc., etc.

"We offer our filial obedience and cooperation to the Hierarchy for the fulfillment of such a program, in case it should be approved, for a May dedicated solemnly to Our Lady with prayers and mortifications for the safety of the Church and its Supreme Pontiff, as well as for peace in the whole world, and especially in our own land."

NEW LOOK?

The following boner appeared in "World Forces in Deployment", Manila Times:

"Truman asked congress for a tighter control of defense and wanted an all-powdered defense secretary second only to him in rank as C-in-C."

Rev. FRANCISCO PORTAS, S.J.

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In college, I stood beside Philip, haranguing hysteric rooters in the frenzy of championship games. I stood beside him, disputing for the school, with studied argument and hand-picked phrase, a debating cup or an oratorical medal. At war's inception, I stood beside him hurling radio invectives at the yellow invader and, at war's end, interviewing liberation personalities for our very own paper or broadcasting for the Commonwealth Government earnest assurances to a dazed, uncertain people.

In the early days of the Commonwealth, when President Quezon launched his program of social justice, it became the fashion in oratorical contests to take up in flaming words the cause of the common too. Philip and I took to the subject, which was a "natural", and

with which any orator could bring down the house. President Quezon, proud that the young should take so avidly to his favorite subject, asked that we let him read our future speeches for his suggestions.

It is a well known fact that Philip, besides being a man of talent, was also a man of character. It is easy to envy talent and to misunderstand character. There were those who quickly objected to the way he "did what he pleased." But the deliberate and the thinking admired him for doing what he thought was right. Like his great father-in-law, Philip followed his conscience and sent the consequences to hell.

This pattern of behavior displeased a few of his social and professional "equals" but met with great favor among those who truly counted in his estimation—the common men, the people who will not fight back with words or with icy stores, but who, if desperate, will fight back with bullets.

Philip never impressed anyone as religious, but then Philip's true habits were not known to just "anyone". Philip committed sins like all of us, but his ever supreme concern which he would naively reveal to me was to confess and return to the state of grace. His rosary al-

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ways jingled in his pockets, and the bloodstained beads which were brought back to Nini last Thursday tell the story of his devotion to Mary until death.

Last March 26 was Philip's 29th birthday. At luncheon at his father's house in Brixton Hill, Santa Mesa, were Doña Aurora, Baby, Nini and the family. Suddenly breaking away from the topic of current politics, Philip said to me in tones that would have made the uninitiated jump up incredulously: "Raul, the Blessed Virgin has appeared at Lipa and has a message for all of us. What are we going to do to welcome her and spread her message?" Philip was echoing the thoughts of Doña Aurora, who wanted a period of prayer and resolution to welcome the Virgin and spread her message of Peace; and he was making those thoughts his own.

Thirty-three days later, on his mother's birthday, Philip was dead, riddled with the bullets of men gone mad because their fellowmen had forgotten his father-in-law's injunctions on social justice and because their fellow Christians had forgotten Christ's message of love.

Adiong, the youthful-looking Quezon family driver, was left to live during the ambush, because the murderers, in an unexplainable stroke of charity, thought him too young to die. Rushing to the front car when the ambushers had gone, Adiong found Philip lying on the front seat, his side dripping red

blood. Philip smiled at Adiong and in his usual confident way said in clear, natural tones "Malakas pa ako"—"I am still strong". To demonstrate his strength Philip said, "Tingnan mo"—"Look!", and dipping his finger in his own blood wrote on the back rest of the front seat the words "HOPE IN GOD".

When they placed him on the jitney for Cabanatuan, Philip's bloody hands were fingering his rosary and his parched lips were moving in prayer to Mary, the Mother of God.

Philip was my closest friend and I am taking those words which he wrote in his own blood as the message which, in his agony, he hoped his family, his friends and his country would take from the manner he and his illustrious mother-in-law, his sister-in-law and other companions perished that day.

Long after my human memory shall lose the rich resonance of his orations and the carefree ring of his laughter, I shall remember the way he spelled with his own blood the remedy to all ills and the means to peace in our land. And I shall know the way he meant those words: "Hope in God, hope in His mercy and treat your fellow man especially the common man, the way God wants you to treat him and the way I liked to treat him—with love, with understanding, with justice".

A simple little novice at Lipa has the same message to say from the Mother God.

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Mrs. Gonzalez Reelected GSP Nat'l Commissioner

Mrs. Concepcion R. Gonzalez was reelected National Commissioner and chairman of the executive committee of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines at the recent election officers and members of the GSP national council and central committee in connection with the organization's second biennial convention held at the Philippine Women's university.

The new line-up formed to serve the organization for the next two years is as follows:

Mrs. Marina Yulo Vargas, president of the national council; Mrs. Zenaida Quezon-Buencamino, vice-president and international commissioner; Miss Helen Z. Benitez, secretary; Miss Lourdes Alunan, treasurer and Mrs. Eugenia Puyat, assistant treasurer. Members of the central committee are the following: Mrs. Z. Q. Buencamino, Mrs. Pilar Hidalgo-Lim, Miss Helen Benitez, Mrs. Concepcion M. Gil, Miss Josefina R. Phodaca, Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, Mrs. Concepcion R. Gonzalez, Mrs. Geronima T. Pecson, Mrs. Esteban Abada, Mrs. Emma B. Araneta, Miss Lourdes Alunan, Mrs. Eugenia Puyat, Mrs. Maria Kalaw-Katigbak, Miss Pilar Lozada, Mrs. Eva E. Kalaw, Mrs. Emilia Guiang, Mrs. Marina Y. Vargas, Mrs. Remedios Fortich, Dr. Herminia C. Sotto, Mrs. Angelita F. Chipeco, Miss Lulu Reyes, Mrs. A. D. Calhoun, Mrs. Minerva Laudico, and Mrs. Virginia O. de Guia.